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January 22, 1958

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To: SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

From: Director, FBI (100-372409)-418

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT.

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Reurlet dated January 15, 1958.

Authority to interview Cvetic as requested in referenced letter is denied as to do so would serve no worthwhile purpose and would afford him the opportunity to infer that he is presently cooperating with the FBI.

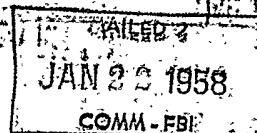
No contact should be made with Cvetic by your office without first obtaining prior Bureau authority. In the event he contacts your office, you must continue to be most discreet in all dealings with him to avoid possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

You are instructed to answer any inquiries from responsible individuals regarding Cvetic by stating "Matthew Cvetic was never a Special Agent of the FBI, however, he did voluntarily furnish information regarding security matters to the FBI from February, 1948, to January, 1950, and was compensated for information furnished; that the FBI has no present connection with Cvetic and in no way endorses his activities, that he does not have access to information from the FBI and does not in any way represent the FBI. The foregoing information regarding Cvetic is not to be construed as a clearance or recommendation of the Bureau regarding him."

memo Belmont to Boardman 1-22-58; BFR:hrv, same caption.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 1/15/58

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANTALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Parsons	
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Mr. Clayton	
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Remylet to Bureau, 10/30/57, and Bulet to Pittsburgh, 11/13/57.

On 1/9/58 PAUL BENEDUM of the Benedum-Trees Oil Company, Benedum-Trees Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., telephonically advised SAC E. H. WINTERROWD that MATTHEW CVETIC had contacted the Benedum-Trees Oil Company for financial support in connection with a proposed speaking tour. Mr. BENEDUM stated that he desired to discuss this matter with SAC WINTERROWD.

Immediately thereafter on 1/9/58 SAC WINTERROWD contacted Mr. BENEDUM at the Benedum-Trees Building and advised him, along with [] and [] also affiliated with the above company, that while CVETIC assisted this Bureau as an informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and was compensated for information furnished he was not an employee of the FBI. The above individuals were also informed that the FBI has no present connection with CVETIC; that the FBI in no way endorses his activities; that he does not have access to information from the FBI; and that he does not in any way represent the FBI.

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Thereafter, Mr. BENEDUM stated that it was his conclusion that because of the controversial nature of CVETIC and because of his past drinking habits he did not feel that Benedum-Trees should endorse him in any manner.

Subsequently on 1/13/58 [] telephonically advised SAC WINTERROWD that CVETIC had been informed that no financial support could be given him by Benedum-Trees. CVETIC indicated to [] that he would not go on the proposed speaking tour without outside finances.

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[] further advised that it appears that CVETIC is contacting other prominent people in Pittsburgh for financial aid. He indicated to [] that he had some

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support in Santa Monica, Calif., where he is to make a speech and that he is also in contact with one [] of Los Angeles, Calif., and is interested in a newsletter published at Los Angeles, which newsletter is edited by one AL FREEMAN.

[] added that CVETIC had shown him two letters from Vice President RICHARD NIXON dated 10/21/57 and 12/23/57, which letters appeared to [] to be routine letters acknowledging letters which CVETIC had apparently sent to Vice President NIXON urging that loopholes in the Smith Act be plugged.

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Inasmuch as it appears that CVETIC is seriously considering a speaking tour to the west coast, the Bureau is requested to authorize this office to contact CVETIC in order that he may be instructed per Section 107Q, Manual of Instructions, with regard to statements made by him during his public appearances.

One copy of this letter is being forwarded to Los Angeles for informational purposes in view of CVETIC's apparent acquaintances in the Los Angeles area and his possible appearances there as a speaker.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 1/21/58

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANTALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Remylet, 1/15/58.

On 1/20/58 MATTHEW CVETIC personally appeared at the Pittsburgh Office at which time he was interviewed by SA [REDACTED]

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CVETIC stated that his purpose in coming to the Pittsburgh Office was to advise that he was leaving Pittsburgh by plane on 1/21/58 for Los Angeles, California, where he expects to stay for the next six to twelve months. CVETIC stated that while in the Los Angeles area he expects to make some speeches and will attempt to set up a business for himself which will entail some sort of a newsletter. It is noted that CVETIC did not appear too definite in his own mind as to just what this newsletter would involve. It is noted that my relet contained information regarding a newsletter published at Los Angeles by one AL FREEMAN and CVETIC may be working some sort of a deal in this connection with FREEMAN.

CVETIC continued that while in Los Angeles he would be alert for any opportunity whereby he might gain a remunerative position. CVETIC stated that immediately upon his arrival in Los Angeles he intends to stay at the Hotel Statler but subsequently plans to rent an apartment in that city.

During the course of the above contact of this office CVETIC again mentioned that he was aware of his past mistakes such as drinking to excess and associating with individuals who took advantage of him, naming these individuals as HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, attorney, and JAMES MOORE, "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" reporter. He stated that he has not partaken of any intoxicating liquors for the past two years and that he has no present desire to do so. He stated also that he has the highest regard for this Bureau and its personnel and that he would always be ready to furnish any aid to this Bureau if it were possible for him to do so.

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It is noted that my relet requested Bureau authority to contact CVETIC in order that he might be instructed per Section 107Q, Manual of Instructions, with regard to statements made by him during public appearances. Since the above contact of this office on 1/20/58 was initiated by CVETIC, SA [] took this opportunity to point out to CVETIC that in connection with any public appearances he must be factual and truthful and must not build up or embellish any statements since same might entail serious trouble for him. CVETIC stated that he understood this and that any future statements made by him would be such that he can back up what he says. In view of the above it will be unnecessary for the Bureau to reply to my relet.

One copy of this letter is being forwarded Los Angeles for information in view of CVETIC's statements that he intends to take up residence in the Los Angeles area and engage in speeches there.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 2/24/58

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

Remylet, 1/21/58.

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By letter dated 2/9/58, MATTHEW CVETIC, former Security Informant, advised that he is now residing at the Los Altos Hotel, 4121 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. CVETIC stated that "the speaking engagements are starting to accumulate" and that it appears he (CVETIC) will be busy for quite some time.

CVETIC forwarded as an enclosure with his letter one of his advertising brochures. Said brochure is being furnished to the Bureau as matter of information and an autostatic copy of same is being forwarded to Los Angeles Office as an enclosure.

One autostat of the brochure is being retained in Pittsburgh.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Clayton	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP7MUC/BS

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I had an early opportunity to review "Masters of Deceit."

May I compliment you on an excellent treatment, and a concise presentation of the subject.

My fond hope is, that our universities, colleges, and high schools make full use of the book in their political science classes - and that it finds its way into every American home.

For many years I have felt the need of such a book, and I want to express my personal gratitude to you for undertaking the writing of it.

During the years I was posing as a Communist, and the "comrades" referred to their vicious conspiracy as a "science," I often thought - "what a science - you simply murder, or put into forced labor all who disagree."

To me you will ever be one of our great Americans. May you continue to enjoy good health in the years to come.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matt Cvetic

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Per Dep. Sec.
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MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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Advertising brochure of MATTHEW CVETIC

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- You Read About Him In The Saturday Evening Post!
- You Saw His Story On The Motion Picture Screen!
- You Heard Him On Radio And Television!

NOW—SEE AND HEAR HIM IN PERSON!

MATT CVETIC

One of the Most Provocative Speakers of Our Time!

**NOW AVAILABLE FOR SPEAKING DATES
ANYWHERE IN U. S. A. OR CANADA**

**NINE YEARS
A COMMUNIST
FOR THE F. B. I.**

- * No Bodyguard
- * No Badge
- * No Escape



**His Mother Died
Believing Him
A Traitor**

**His Sons
Rejected Him**

**His Closest Friends
Deserted Him**

**CITED FOR MERITORIOUS WORK AGAINST COMMUNISM BY
SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS!**

1. Who Gives The Reds Their Orders?
2. What Are They Really After?
3. How Do They Work?

**LEARN THE ANSWERS TO THESE AND
MANY OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
WORLD'S WORST CRIMINAL
CONSPIRACY!**

DOES CVETIC KNOW THE ANSWERS?

1. He joined the Communist Party at the request of the F. B. I.
2. He attended over 3,000 secret Communist Party meetings!
3. He helped formulate and carry out policy of top Soviet Agents.
4. He reported for nine years Communist activities to the F. B. I.

For More Information Write Or Phone

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4121 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles 5, California

Telephone DUnkirk 7-1181 2-24-58

Dear Mr. Hoover: MATT CRETIC

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May I compliment you on an excellent treatment, and a concise presentation of the subject.

My fond hope is, that our universities, colleges, and high schools make full use of the book in their political science classes — and that it finds its way into every American home.

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4121 Wilshire Boulevard

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Sincerely
Matt Cvetic



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Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Clayton ✓
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Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

4121 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles 5, Calif.

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March 19th., 1958

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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP7mac/BJB

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing an editorial about "Masters of Deceit" which appeared in the Los Angeles Times. It stresses a basic principle which you have been advocating for many years; that the fight against Communism must begin in our homes and schools.

I am sending the editorial to you since you may want to thank personally, Mr. W. I. Ramsdell, the Chief editorial writer, and Mr. Craig, one of the staff members, who are doing yeoman work in the fight against Communism, and are responsible for this editorial.

For my part, I will continue my efforts, nationally, in advancing the proposition; that "Masters of Deceit" be added to the curriculum of our educational institutions.

For your untiring fight against the Reds, the American people owe you an eternal debt of gratitude. May I, once again, commend you on a job well done.

With sincere best wishes for your continued good health, I remain,

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Cordially,

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Matt Cvetic.

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J. Edgar Hoover on Communists

The Reds' contention that the Communist Party is merely another political party that must be tolerated in a free country such as ours is devastatingly refuted in J. Edgar Hoover's timely book, "Masters of Deceit."

As the FBI director points out from the vantage point of his long experience with criminal conspirators, tolerance of the Communist Party is in fact folly rather than a virtue. Communism, he warns, leads to "the utter depths of depravity, hate and human venom."

Communists and their fellow travelers and dupes would have us believe that theirs is a political philosophy that aims only to reform or remodel our "outmoded" form of government. Mr. Hoover, however, lifts the mask and describes their real intentions.

"They would tear it to the ground," he warns, "destroy all opposition, and then create a new government, an

American province in the Soviet world empire."

Emphasizing that the party's present comparatively small membership in this country is no measure of its effectiveness, Mr. Hoover recalls that when the party was at its peak here it was numerically stronger than when it seized power in Russia.

It is because of its insidious techniques of deceit and betrayal, not because of its numbers, that the Communist Party is becoming so increasingly dangerous to American freedom, Mr. Hoover reminds us.

His book is fully documented and based on nearly 40 years of study. It deserves a place in every American home and educational institution for, as Mr. Hoover has insisted on many occasions in the past, the real fight against Communism must begin in our homes and schools.

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Badger, Minnesota

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated March 16, 1958, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I regret to advise that I am unable to furnish you the present address of Mr. Matthew Cvetic.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Badger, Minnesota

March 16, 1958

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Edgar Hoover, F.B.I.
Washington Headquarters
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Matthew Cevetic

I am writing to try to ascertain the address of Matt Cevetic, who was an operator for the F.B.I. in the Communist Party. In the past he had a radio program on the air entitled, "I was a Communist for the F. B. I."

I have some information that he lives in a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Hotel, but I have been unable to contact him.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Cevetic on a speaking tour through the State of Idaho, in 1954 or '55, when he was lecturing on the evils of Communism and the danger to this country. We are located in Northern Minnesota and a group of public spirited citizens desire to contact him for a speaking engagement throughout that district, to help expose the plans and methods of the Communist Party especially in the agricultural field. Mr. Cevetic told us in Idaho that the Kremlin had him organize a farm organization as a Communist organization working throughout the midwestern States.

Any information that you can furnish us assisting us in contacting Mr. Cevetic personally will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: March 28, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
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Cvetic is a former Pittsburgh confidential security informant whose background and character have been of question since his exposure as an informant. He spends considerable time now making professional lectures concerning communism.

American Legion National Commander John Gleason has forwarded to DeLoach the attached copy of a letter he has received from B. S. Craig, editorial writer, "Los Angeles Times." Craig points out in his letter, dated 3-8-58, that this country needs Cvetic very badly and that the Legion should sponsor Cvetic's appearance before every one of the 17,500 Legion Posts throughout the United States. This, of course, is undoubtedly an attempt on the part of Cvetic to gain steady employment for some period of time. He has contacted the Legion in the past regarding similar overtures and has been turned down.

In connection with the current request, Gleason has been advised that he might desire to look into Cvetic's background prior to giving favorable consideration to Craig's request.

ACTION:

For information.

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Enclosure
cc-Mr. Boardman
cc-Mr. Belmont
cc-Mr. Jones
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March 8, 1958

JOHN X GLEASON

John S. Gleason Jr., National Commander,
The American Legion,
P.O. Box 1055,
Indianapolis, 6, Ind.

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DATE 11-27-89 BY SP2MAC/BS

Dear Mr. Gleason:

Too young for the first war and too old for the second, I've only been able to serve my country through my son -- a combat machine gunner in the Bavarian campaign -- and by fighting Communism through every means at my disposal for more than 20 years past.

As an Editorial Writer for the Times, with Letters to the Editor my special province as well, I have been able, I hope, to do somewhat more than the average man toward combatting the creeping Communism all around us.

I don't need to tell you, however, that we're rapidly losing the battle at home and abroad. Of late, it has become increasingly apparent to me -- through certain key words and phrases in certain letters the Times receives -- that the Comrades are coming out from under the rocks again, bolder and even more vicious and ambitious than ever.

In view of the foregoing facts, I consider it a more than fortunate act of providence that I have become acquainted with a closely associated with a man whom I consider one of the bravest and most self-sacrificing our country has ever known in all its history.

I'm referring, of course, to Matt Cvetic, whose unparalleled story was only partly revealed in the Saturday Evening Post serial of 1950, "I Was a Communist for the FBI," and in the subsequent Warner Bros. film and a radio series.

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Probably no man, with the exception of J. Edgar Hoover, is more aware of the dangers we face today than is Matt Cvetic. Yet, the shameful truth is, Matt is not only not being used by the country he risks nothing more than a chance to serve, but is almost forgotten.

Having been taken to the cleaners by certain greedy elements -- to whom his patriotic sacrifice was meaningless -- after he came out of the Communist Party, he is having a rough go of it, trying to complete the MS. of his forthcoming book, "Escape to Nowhere."

It has been my privilege to read it and, speaking from my experience of seven years in a major Hollywood film studio, I'm certain "Escape to Nowhere" will not only be a best-seller but will be adapted for a very warm, human and worthwhile motion picture.

Meanwhile, however, he not only has a living to make but feels compelled to carry on the fight against the Comies in whatever way he can, even if it's only writing a letter to newspaper editors now and then. So far he has been able to resist various tempting business offers which would give him a large "cut" merely for the use of his name without putting up any of his own money.

I have been trying to aid him in the fight in every way I can. For example, by such news stories as the enclosed and by arranging TV appearances (non-paying, so far) for him. Night and day, I've kept trying to think of more ways to help him fight the apathy that has America in its grip, so far as Communism is concerned. Almost daily, we all see Washington sinking deeper into the hopeless mire of "cultural" exchange and "peaceful coexistence!"

The other day, when I opened a copy of Parade and saw your article, along with that wonderful family picture, an idea struck me, an idea that I hope will strike you with equal force.

Here it is:

Can't you, as National Commander, back a National Legion project for the year 1959, the project being Matt's speaking appearance before every Legion post in America? That's a big order, I realize, and it would mean exhausting, lonely months of travel for Matt. Yet, when I broached the subject to him, his reply was characteristic. "Yes," he said, "I'd do it if they want me."

If they want me, indeed I think we all need him very badly. If he's willing to port he took in past one night, he should be able to scrape enough money with his while to travel to each Post.

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As I see it, this would be good publicity mutually; the Legion would be doing a good work for itself and, at the same time, would have the advantage of the promotion that will be given Matt's book when it comes out within the next five or six months. Incidentally, publishers are already bidding for it.

Matt's appearances would be very worthwhile for he could make sensational disclosures such as the real story of how poor Joe McCarthy was smeared so thoroughly half of the United States has a completely false picture of the man and what he tried to accomplish against attempts, in high places, to silence him.

Matt himself has not escaped the Commie smears, of course, but brave man that he is, he is willing to carry on regardless.

Can you, personally, and the Legion help him to carry on this fight against the Communists? Never was he needed more than now for the situation is much worse than in 1950 as you no doubt know yourself.

This plea was not prompted by Matt. I undertook it entirely on my own. There are untold possibilities for service to our nation in utilizing the talents of this one brave man. Shall we?

Sincerely,

BC:s

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P.S. Please address your reply to my home, [redacted], Burbank, Cal. Phone [redacted]. Or you may contact Matt, who has come to Los Angeles to make his home, at 4121 Wilshire Blvd., the Los Altos Apartment-Hotel. Phone DUnkirk 7-1181.

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Editorial WRITER - LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES TIMES
FEB. 27, 1958

Red Drive to Promote U.S.-Soviet Trade Seen

Former Communist Spy for FBI Warns
of New Party Line Dictated by Kremlin

Under orders from the Kremlin, Communists in America are now campaigning intensively to get much-needed United States trade for Soviet Russia and its satellites, including Tito's Yugoslavia, and Red China.

At the same time, a new party line is being followed as a means of more quickly softening up Americans for recognition of Red China and "peaceful" coexistence, which is the Kremlin technique for lulling Americans into a false sense of security.

Those were the double-barreled warnings brought to Los Angeles yesterday by Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man, who risked life and reputation to work within the Communist Party for nine years.

Successful Masquerade

So successful was his Red masquerade that family and friends turned against him. Still believing her son had lost his soul to the Communist-atheist ideology, Cvetic's mother died before his true role was revealed in sensational testimony before a Congressional committee in 1950.

Cvetic, a small, dark, middle-aged man whose soft speech and quiet ways give no hint of the steel necessary to fight Communists, was interviewed yesterday at his Wilshire Blvd. apartment.

Here from his native Pittsburgh for lecture appearances and to complete his forthcoming book, "Escape to Nowhere," Cvetic said he hopes to make Los Angeles his permanent home.

Reveals Many Dangers

"Escape to Nowhere," he indicated, not only reveals many dangers he could detect in his Saturday Evening Post serial, "I Was a Communist for the FBI" but will also relate some of the hazardous things that have happened to him, and his dual role was advocated to the Reds.

The new party line.



AGENT — Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man, warns of new Communist Party U.S. activity.

Times photo

Cvetic explained, "was adopted to lure the unsuspecting. Under this new strategy Communists have dropped all open manifestation of party membership but are continuing their work as Marxists.

Cultural Exchange

Asked his opinion of the current cultural exchange program under which the Soviet Union and the United States are exchanging entertainment artists, Cvetic replied:

"Every single delegate from Russia or a satellite country with whom I ever came in contact myself, while posing as a Communist for the FBI, was either a member of the Soviet secret police or the Soviet espionage apparatus.

The primary activity of every one at Moscow's cultural delegates while in this country was to drive the

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53044)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT
(OO: PITTSBURGH)

DATE: 4/4/58

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Form 4-774

Re Pittsburgh's letters to the Director dated 1/21/58 and 1/15/58.

On 4/2 and 3/58, the Los Angeles Office received two typewritten reports from CVETIC dated 4/1 and 2/58 respectively. Neither of these reports has been acknowledged to date.

CVETIC furnished information concerning [redacted] one of the subjects of the case entitled " [redacted] WAS., ET AL, ITSP, MAJOR THEFTS," Pittsburgh origin, Bufile 87-37536, Pittsburgh file 87-4072. This information will be forwarded to the Bureau and Pittsburgh under separate cover for whatever action they deem necessary.

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CVETIC also furnished information concerning [redacted] IS-YU, Bufile 105-38558, Los Angeles file 105-3906, Los Angeles origin. CVETIC stated that he had received a telephone call concerning [redacted] alleged sympathies toward communism. CVETIC's informant could not state that [redacted] was a CP member but stated that [redacted] was friendly toward [redacted]

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CVETIC had been advised that [redacted] had just received a visa from the State Department to visit Moscow, Leningrad, and Belgrade.

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The above is being brought to the Bureau's attention, and in the absence of instructions from the Bureau or the office of origin in the ITSP case, further contact with CVETIC will not be made.

- ② - Bureau (REGISTERED)
2 - Pittsburgh (67-2584A) (87-4072) (Info) (REGISTERED)
3 - Los Angeles (cc: 105-3906; 87-7110)

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 7, 1958

The attached correspondence
was received from Walter Winchell.

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Attachment

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Jones ✓
Mr. Clayton ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Barth J. [unclear]
De [unclear]

W. J. [unclear]
[unclear]



4121 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles 5, California

Telephone DUnkirk 7-1181

3-25-58

Dear Walter:

As you can see by the enclosed tear sheet, I am urging the use of Mr. Hoover's book in our homes and schools. In these times, it is so important that this very important book is, not only read, but studied by the American people, especially our students.

I am here in Hollywood finishing up my manuscript, Escape to Nowhere, on which I have been working three years. It will deal with my seventeen years fight against Communism, and will include many things that happened after I came out of the FBI.

May I, at this time, express my appreciation for your excellent work in the expose of Communism during the past many years.

Sincerely,

Matt Cvetic

(Matt Cvetic)

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**Hoover Book
Reading 'Must'
Avows Cvetic**

LOS ANGELES — Matt Cvetic, for nine years a secret FBI agent in the Communist apparatus in the United States, strongly endorses FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's newly published book, "Masters of Deceit." He declares:

"In the light of the fact that so many have succumbed to the lure of Soviet 'culture,' and Communist 'peaceful coexistence,' I urge every American to read this timely expose of Communist trickery, treachery and duplicity.

Cvetic also has outlined a program calling for the use of Hoover's book in all our schools: "'Masters of Deceit,' should be made a part of the curriculum of all our educational institutions. It should be read and studied in every American home. After all it is in our homes and in our schools that the fight against Communist enslavement really begins."

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Manchester Union Leader
Manchester, New Hampshire
March 15, 1958

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 4/18/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (62-9310)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

The following enclosures were received in an envelope addressed to the Director, at New York, with the return address of the New York Mirror. These enclosures were not accompanied by a cover letter.

- Letter from [redacted] Burbank, Cal. to Walter Winchell, 235 E. 45th St., New York, N. Y.
2. Typewritten sheet captioned, "Exclusive to Walter Winchell -- from Matt Cvetic's Personal Representative, [redacted] Burbank, Cal."

3. A sheet containing biographical data on Cvetic.
4. A newspaper clipping from the LOS ANGELES TIMES, dated March 19, 1958.

This communication has not been acknowledged by the NYO and is being forwarded to the Bureau for its acknowledgement since the envelope was addressed to the Director.

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April 8, 1958 WRS W

Walter Winchell,
235 E. 45th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Walter:

Since the 30s, when I was on King Features' payroll and associated with the late Elsie Robinson in covering the Hauptmann trial and other projects, I have devoted much of my time to fighting the Commies.

I carried that work on during my five-year tenure as publicity department editor at RKO Studio in Hollywood, and have continued the fight as a Times Editorial Writer, as indicated by my enclosed Editorial on J. Edgar Hoover's new book.

During all that time I have, of course, followed your own unrelenting fight against the Reds through your radio and TV broadcasts as well as in your column. It is the knowledge of your own interest in the fight that has led me to submit three paragraphs on Matt Cvetic for your column. 152-9310

I consider Matt one of the bravest men this country has every known. He is not only brave but big-hearted for to my knowledge he has spent thousands of dollars of his own money in combat against the Commies. num ref

Through our interest in this cause and our friendship and admiration for Matt, my wife and I have decided to make it a personal project to get Matt "back on the road" in speaking engagements throughout the West. We feel that in a way his message is needed now even more than it was a few years back.

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We are already booking him along the West Coast and plan to get him into the Rocky Mountain area next year. He has made four appearances on the Coast here since we began the project. Prior to that, believe it or not, he was spending his own money, traveling as far as San Francisco and Miami to make speeches for free! If we only had more Matts in this country, Walter, we'd have nothing to worry about.

I have been privileged to read a rough draft of his new book, "Escape to Nowhere," and I believe it will be a much bigger hit than his first true story. There is even more human interest in this one, and, in addition, it tells some of the incredible things that have happened to him since he came out of the Communist Party to expose the boys under the rocks.

Matt has been smeared, of course, and the smear will be stepped up intensely as he becomes more and more active. Fortunately, he speaks up freely and frankly about his drinking after his mother died and he came face to face with tragic disillusionment at the hands of some of the very people he sacrificed nine years to protect against the Reds. Matt himself says nothing of sacrifice, however, nor does he mention any names (this is a most unusual and charitable man) but he does admit he nearly went the bottle route. He no longer drinks at all, by the way.

I've told you all this, Walter, to give you a glimpse behind the scenes, and in an effort to point out that we all owe something to this brave little guy, Matt Cvetic. Long may he live to fight the Commies!

Thanks for listening, and all good wishes to you!

Cordially,



Burbank, Cal.

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EXCLUSIVE to WALTER WINCHELL

-- from Matt Cvetic's
Personal Representative,

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Burbank, Cal.

[REDACTED]

Matt Cvetic, the former FBI undercover agent who exposed the Reds in America, has the answer for those who see "no harm" in releasing "non-strategic" materials or information to the Russians.

"Give 'em nothing," Matt advises. "If you ^agive a Communist only so much as a single feather he'd try to tickle you to death with it."

No one knows Communist treachery in this country better than Matt, who gave up nine years of his life to uncovering conspirators.

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J. Edgar Hoover on Communists

The Reds' contention that the Communist Party is merely another political party that must be tolerated in a free country such as ours is devastatingly refuted in J. Edgar Hoover's timely book, "Masters of Deceit."

As the FBI director points out from the vantage point of his long experience with criminal conspirators, tolerance of the Communist Party is in fact folly rather than a virtue. Communism, he warns, leads to "the utter depths of depravity, hate and human venom."

Communists and their fellow travelers and dupes would have us believe that theirs is a political philosophy that aims only to reform or remodel our "outmoded" form of government. Mr. Hoover, however, lifts the mask and describes their real intentions.

"They would tear it to the ground," he warns, "destroy all opposition, and then create a new government, an

American province in the Soviet world empire."

Emphasizing that the party's present comparatively small membership in this country is no measure of its effectiveness, Mr. Hoover recalls that when the party was at its peak here it was numerically stronger than when it seized power in Russia.

It is because of its insidious techniques of deceit and betrayal, not because of its numbers, that the Communist Party is becoming so increasingly dangerous to American freedom. Mr. Hoover reminds us.

His book is fully documented and based on nearly 40 years of study. It deserves a place in every American home and educational institution for, as Mr. Hoover has insisted on many occasions in the past, the real fight against Communism must begin in our homes and schools.

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Los Angeles Times

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 19, 1958

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 4/30/58

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

Remylet 2/24/58 and Los Angeles letter 4/4/58.

By letter to this office dated 4/20/58 MATTHEW CVETIC, 516 Los Altos Apartments, 4121 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California, advised in part that after over three months on the West Coast he is becoming slowly acclimated. He stated that he recently delivered a speech in Bakersfield, Calif. and that as usual whenever he comes across anything which he believes may be of interest to this Bureau, he sits down and writes a "little report" to the Los Angeles Office.

CVETIC stated that he does this for two reason: 1) because he always wants to report to this Bureau anything which comes to his attention which he believes may be of interest to this Bureau and 2) because in his own self interest he wants to guard and guard zealously from being misquoted as has happened in the past.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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1 - Los Angeles (100-53044) (Info)
1 - Pittsburgh

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Daily Mirror
New York

Walt & Hoover

Dear Walter:

Thanks for your note. Since yours is one of the most widely read columns, it might be a good idea if you alerted the American people on this new Party gimmick:

"I dropped my Party membership; I am no longer a Communist, but I am still a Marxist. Hoover is an alarmist, and the Congressional Committees are witch-hunters, and on, and on with the Party Line."

What the comrades forget to tell the American people is that the Communists and Marxists are one, and the same. Or, as I put it at a meeting I was addressing the other day. A Marxist is a Communist riding a horse of the same Red color going in the same direction.

Cordially

Matt Cvetic
Matt Cvetic.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 6, 1958

From Walter Winchell.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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Mr. Tolson _____
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Miss Gandy _____

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 1P

MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT. REBUTEL THIS DATE. CVETIC
IS OUT OF CITY THIS DATE AND IS NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL MAY SIXTEEN
NEXT. ON HIS RETURN HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INSTRUCTIONS IN REFERENCED TEL AND BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ADVISED.

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Mr. Belmont

CC: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: May 14, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE *GA Nease*

SUBJECT:

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Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
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Jay Sourwine called at 1:05 P.M. He stated that he has just received a letter from Matt Cvetic asking for all current information and the whereabouts of Earl Browder, George Marshall, and a whole group of communists he believes to be connected with the Ford Foundation or one of its agencies. He also asked for any information on an individual by the name of b6 b7C

 He states he understands these individuals are planning an attack on J. Edgar Hoover and he wants to take steps to smoke them out.

Sourwine stated that, of course, he could not furnish Cvetic any information but he thought we would be interested in this. He stated it might be entirely false but that he does understand that Cvetic has not been drinking for the past couple of months. He stated the letter has a return address of The Los Altos, 4121 Wilshire Boulevard, Room 516, Los Angeles, California. Cvetic furnished no other names in his letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

Although our policy has been not to contact this individual, I think it is important enough to have our Los Angeles Office get in touch with Cvetic and find out what he is talking about.

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cc-Mr. Boardman
cc-Mr. Belmont
cc-Mr. Jones

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1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Nease 1 - Mr. Rose
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan, W. C.
1 - Mr. Gaffney
May 19, 1958

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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP-7 mac/TV

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI (100-372409)-432

MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

Reurtel dated May 16, 1958.

You are instructed to recontact Cvetic to determine the identity of his source and in the absence of any reason why it should not be done, interview source to develop full details regarding this matter. In the event Cvetic is reluctant to disclose the identity of his source, he should be requested to recontact his source for full and specific details regarding the alleged attack on the Director.

Continue to be most discreet in your contact with Cvetic to preclude any allegations on his part that he is currently working with or for the FBI.

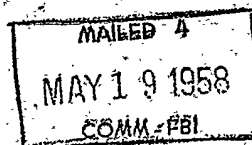
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See memo Belmont to Boardman 5-19-58, same caption, BFR:hrt.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 2P

MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT, REBUTEL MAY FIFTEEN, LAST.

CVETIC WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE, APARTMENT FIVE ONE SIX, LOS ALTOS APARTMENTS, FOUR ONE TWO ONE WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MAY SIXTEEN, INSTANT BY SAS [REDACTED] AND MERLE L. PARKER. CVETIC STATED THAT HE IS AT THE PRESENT TIME FILLING SOME

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AGAINST COMMUNISM. HE VOLUNTARILY BROUGHT OUT THAT HE HAS READ MR. HOOVER-S BOOK ~~QUOTE~~ "MASTERS OF DECEIT" ~~END-QUOTE~~ AND FELT THAT IT WAS EXCELLENT AND THAT THE DIRECTOR HAS PERFORMED AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE. CVETIC STATED THAT ON MAY TWELVE, LAST HE WROTE A LETTER TO ~~QUOTE~~ "DICK" ~~END-QUOTE~~ AHRENS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES REQUESTING THE ADDRESS AND PRESENT BUSINESS OF EARL BROWDER AND GEORGE MARSHALL BECAUSE HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ~~PAREN~~ (AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ANTI COMMUNIST AND

WHOSE IDENTITY HE DECLINED TO REVEAL BUT STATED HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE HE IS RELIABLE) ~~END-PAREN~~ THAT THE SOURCE HAS HEARD THAT ~~QUOTE~~ "SOME OF THE COMMUNISTS" ~~END-QUOTE~~ WORKING FOR EITHER THE FORD FOUNDATION

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Mr. Belmont

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OR THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC ARE GETTING READY TO ~~QUOTE~~ DO A JOB ~~END~~
~~QUOTE~~ ON MR. HOOVER, WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF AN ATTACK ON THE VERACITY
OF THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THE BOOK ~~QUOTE~~ "MASTERS OF DECEIT" ~~END-QUOTE~~.
CVETIC STATED THE NAMES OF EARL BROWDER AND GEORGE MARSHALL CAME
TO HIS MIND AS HE HAS A FAINT RECOLLECTION THAT THEY, A FEW YEARS AGO,
WERE DOING SOME WORK FOR THE FORD FOUNDATION OR FUNDS FOR THE REPUBLIC
AND IF THEY ARE STILL THERE THEN THEY WOULD BE THE ONES WHO WOULD
SPEARHEAD THIS VERBAL ATTACK. ~~PAREN~~ (CVETIC DID NOT MENTION THE NAME OF
 ~~END-PAREN~~. CVETIC STATED THAT HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT
HIS CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OBTAINED THIS HERESAY INFO FROM SOME PUBLIC
ANTI COMMUNIST SOURCE IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, HOWEVER OF THIS HE IS
UNCERTAIN. CVETIC STATED THAT IF FURTHER INFO CAME TO HIS ATTENTION
HE WOULD ADVISE THIS OFFICE.

END ACK PLS

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SG: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR MR. ROSE
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

1 - Mr. Nease
1 - Mr. Rose

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Cvetic, Bureau informant 1943 to 1950 when discontinued in view of indiscretion, revealing informant status and excessive use of intoxicants. He has testified before Congressional committees, at trial of CP leaders in the Pittsburgh area and has lectured throughout the country on the subject of communism. He has not hesitated to capitalize on his former informant status. He is presently residing in Los Angeles and is conducting a series of lectures. In view of allegations that individuals are planning an attack on the Director, teletype instructions are being issued.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

RA TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *100-372409-433*

DATE: May 19, 1958

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT
SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Nease
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan, W. C.
1 - Mr. Gaffney
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Cvetic wrote letters to Richard Arens of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and Jay Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, requesting current information regarding Earl Browder, George Marshall, [redacted] and group of communists he believes are connected with the Ford Foundation. Cvetic stated he understands these individuals are planning an attack on J. E. Hoover.

Cvetic was Bureau informant 1943-1950 when he was discontinued in view of his indiscretion, revealing informant status and excessive use of intoxicants. He testified before Congressional committees, the trial of Communist Party (CP) leaders in Pittsburgh and has lectured throughout the country on Communism. He has not hesitated to capitalize on his former informant status.

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Check of Bufiles does not indicate George Marshall or [redacted] are affiliated with the Fund for the Republic. However, the "Washington Daily News," under date line 10-19-55, carried article that the Fund for the Republic announced Earl Browder hired as source of information and raw material and was paid on a regular fee and paid commentator basis.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, Los Angeles Agents discreetly contacted Cvetic 5-16-58 and developed the following information. Cvetic commented most favorably on the Director's book "Masters of Deceit"; he volunteered that he wrote letter to Mr. Arens because he had received information from a "source" that some of the communists working for either the Ford Foundation or the Fund for the Republic are getting ready to "do a job" on Mr. Hoover, which would consist of an attack on the veracity of the material contained in the book "Masters of Deceit." Cvetic stated he had a faint recollection Browder and Marshall were doing some work for the Ford Foundation or Fund for the Republic and assumed they would spearhead this verbal attack. Cvetic is not certain but is of the opinion his source obtained this hearsay information from some public anticommunist source in Pasadena, California. Cvetic stated if further information came to his attention in this matter he would advise the Los Angeles Office.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
100-372409

OBSERVATIONS:

In view of Cvetic's background, Los Angeles was instructed to be most discreet in their interview with Cvetic so as not to disclose the Bureau's source of information and to preclude self-serving allegations on Cvetic's part that he is currently working with or for the FBI.

During the interview by Agents of the Los Angeles Office, Cvetic did not disclose the identity of his source, and the information he furnished regarding the alleged attack to be made on the Director was vague and nonspecific. Despite Cvetic's unfavorable background, the Los Angeles Office is being instructed to reinterview him in order to determine the identity of his source and, if there is no reason why it should not be done, to interview the source for full details concerning this matter. In the event Cvetic will not disclose the identity of his source, he should be requested to recontact the source for more detailed information.

It is felt that a recontact with Cvetic is necessary inasmuch as the information presently in our possession is so vague it cannot be properly evaluated. If there is in fact any truth in the information Cvetic furnished to us and we are able to get the full story, we will then be in a position to formulate an appropriate course of action.

ACTION:

Subject to your approval, there is attached an airtel for transmittal to the Los Angeles Office in line with the above.

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Date: 5/23/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53044)

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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On 5/21/58, CVETIC was interviewed by SA [] and MERLE L. PARKER at the Los Altos Apartments in Los Angeles. After discussion, CVETIC stated that his confidential source, whose name he did not reveal, had a confidential source who allegedly had heard a man make the statement that Director HOOVER and his book "Masters of Deceit" had done a great deal of harm to the US and that this man would be willing to spend a million dollars to undo the damage done by Mr. HOOVER and his book. CVETIC eventually stated that the confidential source of his source was one Mrs. ALBA DILTS, 873 North Chester Street, Pasadena, California. CVETIC expressed much concern over the protection of his Confidential source and stated that arrangements were in progress through his confidential source to meet Mrs. DILTS.

On 5/21/58, Mrs. ALBA DILTS was contacted telephonically, however, was unable to see agents until the afternoon of 5/22/58. On the morning of 5/22/58, FREDRICK W. HESS, a Beverly Hills attorney, contacted SA MERLE L. PARKER stating that Mrs. DILTS had contacted him being much concerned over someone from the FBI desiring to talk with her. Mr. HESS stated that

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he is the attorney for "Hypno - Mercy Foundation", which is being established by Hypnotist EMILE FRANCHEL and his students and added that Mrs. DILTS is one of the students. Mr. HESS also advised that the matter to be discussed with Mrs. DILTS had no connection with this foundation and it was on a confidential matter. On the afternoon of 5/22/58, Mrs. ALBA DILTS, nee Alba Losey, was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA PARKER at her residence 873 North Chester Street; Pasadena, California. She stated that she is an artist and has just completed a course in hypnotism from EMILE FRANCHEL and is assisting in the formation of "Hypno - Mercy Foundation", which is to be for the purpose of aiding the medical profession. (Mrs. DILTS appeared to be about 40 years of age, 145 pounds, red hair, platinum painted finger and toenails and having very rough complexion.) Mrs. DILTS stated that the members of the "Hypno - Mercy Foundation" are to be checked from the security standpoint in order to make certain none are Communists. She stated in connection with these classes on hypnotism she met a Mrs. EVELYN CRAIG, her husband BUD CRAIG [redacted]

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She stated that BUD CRAIG is on the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Times Newspaper. Mrs. DILTS stated that Mrs. CRAIG is Anti-Communist and a close associate of an individual MAT CVETIC who is writing a book, is in bad financial circumstances, and needs \$500 in order to get his book on Communism published. Mrs. CRAIG desires Mrs. DILTS to meet CVETIC.

Mrs. DILTS stated that she is a loyal American and has never heard any man or woman criticize Director HOOVER or the Book "Masters of Deceit." She stated that she has, however, clipped articles in recent newspapers in which statements by CYRUS EATON, an industrialist, appeared criticizing the FBI and Director HOOVER. Mrs. DILTS stated that she took these articles and sent them to EVELYN CRAIG at the latter's residence 606 North Evergreen Street, Burbank, California. She stated she had no information regarding any individual or organized group who are planning to attack the statements of any Government official or their reputation.

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On 5/23/58, MATTHEW CVETIC was interviewed by SA PARKER and was asked if Mrs. EVELYN CRAIG was his confidential source. He stated that she was, at which point he became very upset and pleaded that she not be contacted by this Bureau, stating she is a good American, a well meaning person and it would cause embarrassment and harm to him if Mrs. CRAIG and her husband BUD CRAIG, who is on the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Times Newspaper and are helping him. (It has been noted recently that Los Angeles Times Newspaper have contained editorials in which MATTHEW CVETIC was mentioned and statements on Communism attributed to him).

✓ The Los Angeles Indices are negative on [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] Considerable information has been coming to this office on EMILE FRANCHEL. Bureau attention is respectfully called to the case entitled [REDACTED] AND OTHER UNKNOWN CONSPIRATORS, ESPIONAGE - R," Bufile #65-64001, which contains considerable information as to FRANCHEL. At the present time there is a Los Angeles case, LA file #47-7261, in which it is alleged that FRANCHEL, Manager of a hypnotic service, does work for law enforcement agencies and sells his services to the Treasury Department and the FBI. He is alleged to have made the claim that he has been with the FBI working "with hypnotism."

It would appear after investigation and analysis and the results thereof that one MATTHEW CVETIC is trying to promote financial support for himself and his book and is utilizing EVELYN CRAIG and husband BUD CRAIG, the latter being on the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Times Newspaper. It would appear that ALBA DILTS may have been misquoted by EVELYN CRAIG or editorials and newspaper clippings furnished to Mrs. CRAIG by her may have been misinterpreted.

No further investigation is contemplated by this office unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*

DATE: May 28, 1958

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ABO*SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANTLimited Classification
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Cvetic interviewed 5-21-58 to determine identity of his source who reportedly stated some individuals are planning an attack on J. E. Hoover. (This allegation previously made subject of attached memos G. A. Nease to Tolson 5-14-58 and Belmont to Boardman 5-19-58). Cvetic advised his source (identity not revealed) had a source, Mrs. Alba Dilts, who allegedly heard a man make the statement that Director Hoover and his book "Masters of Deceit" had done a great deal of harm to the U. S. and that this man would be willing to spend a million dollars to undo the damage done by Mr. Hoover and his book.

Mrs. Dilts telephonically contacted 5-21-58, advised she was unavailable for interview at that time. Subsequently, Atty. Fredrick W. Hess, attorney for "Hypno - Mercy Foundation" being established by hypnotist Emile Franchel, made inquiry of Los Angeles Office regarding nature of desired interview with Mrs. Dilts. It is noted Mrs. Dilts is a student of hypnotism under Franchel. Hess advised interview had no connection with this foundation and was on a confidential matter. Mrs. Dilts during interview 5-22-58 advised she has never heard any man or woman criticize Director Hoover or the book, "Masters of Deceit" and that she had no information regarding any such criticism. She volunteered that in connection with her study of hypnosis she met a Mrs. Evelyn Craig, her husband Bud Craig, who is on the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Times Newspaper, and Mrs. Dilts stated Mrs. Craig is a close associate of Matthew Cvetic, who is writing a book, is in bad financial circumstances, and needs \$500 to publish a book. Mrs. Dilts sent Mrs. Craig news articles regarding statements by Cyrus Eaton, an industrialist, criticizing the FBI and Director Hoover.

Cvetic interviewed 5-23-58, admitted Evelyn Craig was his confidential source, and became very upset and pleaded that she not be contacted by Agents as it would cause embarrassment and harm to him as Mr. and Mrs. Craig are helping him.

Enclosures *Handled Separately*

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- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Nease
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. G. A. Nease
- 1 - Mr. Rose

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT
100-372409

No further investigation being conducted by Los Angeles Office unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

OBSERVATIONS:

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The Bureau and Los Angeles files contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding Alba Dilts, Evelyn Craig, Bud Craig, or [redacted]. There is a pending investigation regarding allegations that Franchel, manager of a hypnotic service, ^{claims} does work for law enforcement agencies and sells his services to the Treasury Department and the FBI. He is alleged to have made the claim that he has been with the FBI working "with hypnotism." In connection with investigation of the case entitled [redacted] and Other Unknown Conspirators, Espionage - R," (Bufile 65-64001-9) which case has been closed, on 2-28-56 Emile Franchel, hypnotist, alleged that [redacted] under hypnosis, disclosed information regarding communist espionage in Puerto Rico. Interview of Franchel and [redacted] and subsequent investigation failed to substantiate Franchel's allegation. *Col. f.*

It is the observation of the Los Angeles Office Cvetic is trying to promote financial support for himself and his book through Evelyn Craig and Bud Craig, who is on the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Times Newspaper. It would appear that Alba Dilts may have been misquoted by Evelyn Craig or news clippings furnished to Mrs. Craig by her have been misinterpreted.

Cvetic was a Bureau informant 1943 to 1950 when discontinued in view of his indiscretion, revealing his informant status and excessive use of intoxicants. He has not hesitated to capitalize on his former informant status. It is apparent there is no basis for his statement that individuals are planning an attack on J. E. Hoover. This is undoubtedly a typical "Cvetic operation" to promote himself and his book and he has not hesitated to distort and misinterpret information coming to his attention to achieve this goal.

It is not being recommended that further inquiries be made into this matter as to do so would serve no worthwhile purpose and would necessitate an interview of Mr. Craig who is on the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Times Newspaper and the very nature of the Bureau's inquiry could be used as material for an editorial.

ACTION:

None; this is for your information.

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

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Matthew Cvetic
P.O. Box 1618
Hollywood 28, California

AWK
Dear Mr. Hoover:

Sept 1, 1958

Enclosed is an editorial from The
Mirror - News.

By omitting any of your positive
statements regarding American youth,
they are making it appear that you
categorically condemn American youth,
instead of first calling attention to
the seriousness of the increase in
crime among the teen-agers.

The vacillation of our Courts in
dealing with young criminals just makes
them more irresponsible, unfortunately.

As for the Mirror - News it is a
Chandler-owned operation with a policy
contrary to that of its brother paper the Times.

Dead gentle bit of history. Fence
sitting is a favorite trait of a section of the
unmuzzed class. A historian called attention
to the fence-sitting of a section of high
society during our revolution (1776). So the
tactic is nothing new in history.

Mr. Cvetic - See statement to Department
dated 10/10/59 re: one set of
all letters from Butler.

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Matthew Cvetic
P.O. Box 1618
Hollywood 28, California

you have the respect of the intelligent and thinking people - In this day of crime, corruption and communism the American people are fortunate to have a man of your high morals and standards in charge of our F.B.I.

But for you, God only knows where the country would be now.

When Ed Boyle asked me in the spring of 41 to take up the cudgel against Communism, I didn't realize the full import of the Red menace. - Now, after 18 years I appreciate to the utmost your vigilance in this fight.

Sincerely
Matt Cvetic

P.S. The "red" ink has no political significance. It just happens to run out of blue ink.

J. Edgar Hoover's Spanking

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover made a fighting speech before the American Bar Association last week, and got spanked with a critical blast by a group of 44 judges.

Hoover called for a "get tough" policy to deal with juvenile crime, and had some pretty unpleasant things to say about today's younger generation.

With all due respect for our No. 1 G-Man's ability, we're inclined to agree with the judges that Hoover was too sweeping in his condemnation of the nation's youth.

You can't generalize about today's kids. Just when you think you've got 'em neatly classified, they fool you completely.

THREE FALLACIES

The Advisory Council of the National Probation and Parole Association called Hoover sharply to task for three "stated or implied" fallacies about youth in his speech:

1. That there is "a greater breakdown of law and order among youth today, contrasted with earlier generations."

2. That "the complete answer to crime is a 'get tough' policy with primary emphasis on iron bars as a tool of correction."

3. That "the increase in crime is directly attributable to the failure of juvenile courts in our probation and parole system."

The judges' group had this to say to Hoover, and we'll go along:

"We must not have Americans accept the notion that it is a crime to be young. Nor the notion that 'getting tough' with serious delinquents is a total cure-all."

"We do not believe the younger generation is going to the dogs..." Neither do we. Matter of fact, The Mirror News had renewed proof last

week that a lot of the younger generation is surprisingly serious minded, responsible and decent.

We had a letter contest for teenage girls on the subject: "The Challenge of Being a Teen-Ager."

Hoover should read the entries. He might change his opinions considerably. More than 500 youngsters wrote on the subject, and the letters were uniformly reassuring to anyone worried about the kids.

Let's quote some excerpts: "These years are spent establishing our set of standards and values... the ones we shall use the rest of our lives; the ones we shall teach our children..."

"Never should we sacrifice our beliefs for the sake of the crowd..."

"New ideas are found to replace rejected ones. This is primarily the job of youth, and the result is progress."

"In these times of nuclear peril, clearly a revolution in man's way of thinking is necessary. That is up to us. It is our parents' hope, our challenge, perhaps our children's only chance."

CRIMINAL GENERATION?

(That doesn't sound like depravity and criminality had infected the whole younger generation, now does it, J. Edgar?)

Parents, who maybe aren't so objective about their kids as Bachelor Hoover, are pretty humble and wary of black-and-white judgments. Day-to-day observation of the near-adult is likely to make anyone humble.

Youth puts its polish on ideals the older citizenry has by and large allowed to tarnish. Youth is the repository of that vital dash of protest and rebellion which is the yeast in what would otherwise be pretty uninspired human dough.



MAKE WAY FOR OUR FUTURE

The MAILBAG

Security Goal of Most Now

Socialism

Our nation is rapidly approaching the Socialist state. Our thoughts, our actions, etc., are all considered in terms of uniformity and of benefiting the masses. A few years ago 90% of our college graduates were eager to face the world and 10% were interested in security alone. Today, it is the exact opposite.

I will admit the tax situation has some bearing on this. I have always felt that as long as we could keep our country's educational insti-

ing integration for obvious reasons are actually being undemocratic.

GUY BRENNER, Culver City.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The people of Baywood and the Zulus make a supreme contribution to the world community of nations by peacefully minding their own business.

Peace Lesson

In all of today's endless and futile discussions of peace, there seems to be a

Two Ballots

I should like to know why the nonproperty owner (who knows little of the tax burden) is given the same privileges as the property owner when voting time rolls around. I firmly believe that unless a person is contributing to the high cost of maintaining our government he should not be permitted to vote on issues involving taxes.

The method I suggest would be simple—as is done in the primaries, two ballots should be printed—one for the nonproperty owner the oth-

Drew Pearson

CABINET RIFT OVER LITTLE ROCK

WASHINGTON—The adroit and sometimes harassed Jim Hagerty was confronted last week with the halting statement of his chief for "slower" school integration, plus the vigorous statement of his chief's Justice Department for immediate integration at Little Rock. Jim made the best of a difficult situation, insisted that the President and his Justice Department see eye to eye regarding Little Rock.

But the inside fact is that Ike was definitely at odds with his Justice Department. Furthermore, he was quite irked at his Attorney General, William Rogers, for moving so fast regarding the entire Supreme Court review of the case. He has also been at odds with the Nixon wing of the Republican Party.

When Rogers was in Los Angeles attending the American Bar Association convention he encouraged Chief Justice Warren to call a special session of the court.

ROGERS DIDN'T SAY SO, but he and Vice-President Nixon have long felt that the administration had nothing to lose politically and everything to gain by taking a firm stand on integration.

So Rogers prepared to fly back to Washington to take personal charge of the Supreme Court case. Ike is still stinging from the criticism that followed his dispatch of troops to Little Rock last year and he would much prefer to let the whole segregation-integration debate simmer.

When this word got to Atty. Gen. Rogers in Los Angeles he switched his plans and did not take personal charge of the Supreme Court case.

Democratic leaders, meeting in the smoke-filled rooms of Buffalo last week, threw their odds out the window and made the race to control the pivot State of New York a 50-50 proposition. Millionaire Rockefeller, Republican, now has a chance to win over Millionaire Harriman, Democrat. Before, he didn't.

THE ODDS WERE EVENED chiefly by Tammany Leader Carmine De Sapio, who insisted that Dist. Atty. Frank Hogan be the Democratic candidate for the Senate, first because the church insisted on a Catholic, second because De Sapio wanted to get his hands on the 300 jobs in the office of District Attorney.

Hogan's exit to run for the Senate would give De Sapio a chance to take over.

De Sapio was also able to argue that the church would not support the Democratic ticket unless a leading Catholic was on it.

Gov. Harriman personally wanted Tom Finletter, the former Secretary of the Air Force, an Episcopalian, but in the end he let De Sapio and Tammany leaders have their way.

None of this went down well with New York's strong Liberal Party, which can swing about 250,000 votes on election day, and which had earlier nominated Finletter as its Senate candidate. What most people don't know is that Dave Dubinsky, guiding genius of the Liberal Party, has long been friendly to Nelson Rockefeller.

SO WITH HARRIMAN WINNING the Governorship in 1954 by only 11,000 votes, the 250,000 votes cast by the Liberals could be decisive.

The Liberals and many Protestant Democrats would have welcomed Tom Murray, a Catholic, as the Senate candidate. They don't want any man barred because of religion. But they resent being told that any man must be on the ticket merely because of his religion.

Newsman's played up the fact that Rep. Ken Keating



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With MALCOLM EPLEY

MATT CVETIC, who played commie for the FBI for nine years, tells an amusing story about one of his first contacts with a real big shot of the Red party.

He recalled the incident yesterday when in Long Beach to address the Kiwanis Club.

Cvetic, who had by then won the confidence of the commies, arranged to meet the leader for a conference in a hotel at Pittsburgh. They made contact at the railroad station and repaired to the hotel and to a room the FBI counterspy rented.

The big Red immediately went to the bathroom to see if a spy might be there. He looked behind the shower curtain. He came out and went to a clothes closet, checking it carefully. He then got down on his hands and knees and looked under the bed.

Finally, he took his heavy overcoat and laid it over the telephone.

"Now," he said to Cvetic, "we can talk. You can't be too careful. I always take every precaution against the FBI."

FROM HIS years of working inside the Communist Party, Cvetic offered these observations, among others:

Don't be misled by the small numbers in the Communist Party. It doesn't need a huge party force to work effectively. Relatively few Communists are in the saddle in Russia.

Communist operatives are, after all, human beings, and they are no more eager to die than anybody else. Their love for the party is not greater than their will to survive.

Mass murder and forced labor are key phases of the commie blueprint for taking over the U.S. Cvetic heard talk of forced labor for one-third of the U.S. population.

Constant vigilance and inculcation of loyalty to American ideals, especially among youth, are important ways of frustrating the Commie program.

Best way, of course, is to let people know about the program itself. Cvetic is doing a good job at that.

BASE HUMMING WITH CONSTRUCTION

3 Big Projects

EL TORO—Three major construction projects costing about four million dollars are under way at the sprawling El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.

Under a \$2,074,000 contract the main runway is being extended and approach lights and an optical landing system are being installed.

Contractor Gordon H. Ball of Danville will pour 55,556 square yards of cement 13 inches thick over a 10-inch base laid over 12 inches of decom-

posed granite for the runway extension to handle power jet fighter planes.

Taxiways will contain 68 square yards of cement 13 inches thick over a 10-inch base.

Capt. W. M. Johnson, i



QUEEN OF QUEENS

In an unusual beauty contest—one in which all contestants became queens—Linda Belanger, a blonde beauty from Anaheim, holds trophy after she became the queen of queens. Other queens selected during the five-day run of the recent Orange County Do-It-Yourself Show are (left to right) Dianne Blount, Newport Beach; Karen McLeod, Santa Ana; and Irene Howle, Fullerton.

Boy 'Genius' Yields Homemade Arms

HUNTINGTON BEACH—A 15-year-old boy is being described by police as a "mechanical genius," for having rendered a homemade musket and two small

Stan Vaca

2 Cultists Denied Hearing

Love cultists George a Mildred Andrus were denied new hearing and probati Tuesday in Orange Coun Superior Court and were ordered to serve out the prison terms for child molesting.

Judge Franklin G. We ruled against a new hearing for Andrus, 55, and his wife Mildred, 51, who were convicted in his courtroom in July 1956 on two counts.

THE CHARGE RESULTED from the couple's operation of a so-called religious sect, the International Christian Revival Assn., in Buena Park.

The cult reportedly advocated "free love" and the Andrus couple was charged with molesting children while giving them sex education.

The celebrated case started after the arrest of the cultists in February 1956 when the Orange County Grand Jury indicted Andrus and Mrs. Mildred Elizabeth Florence, on multiple charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, rape and molesting.

STATE PROBE

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RA
Matthew Cvetic

P.O. Box 1618
Hollywood 28, California

9-14-58

To: J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.

I am enclosing a current
review of Earl Browder's latest book,
Marx and America.

It may interest you to know
that Duncan Samuels, who wrote
the review, and I are working
buddies.

Review of "Marx and America" by
Earl Browder. Matt Cvetic

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The attached was addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Attention: J. Edgar Hoover, in an envelope with the return address of P.O. Box 1618, Hollywood 28, California.

by Matt Cvetic
(pronounced Svetick)
former FBI Undercover

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Boyd

4/ The Communists have raised their usual hue and cry about House Un-American Activities Committee; a Committee which seeks only to protect Americans from treason.

As a former undercover agent who posed as a Communist for the FBI for nine years, it is obvious to me why the Reds hope to destroy this and related Committees.

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On orders from the Kremlin and under the direction of Gerhardt Eisler, who was then No. 1 Communist in America; Steve Nelson (alias Mesarosh), George Pirinsky (alias Zaikoff), and other notorious Soviet agents, the Reds spent millions of dollars trying to discredit the FBI and destroy Congressional and State bodies entrusted with our security.

From within the Communist Party, I saw first-hand the devastation wrought to the Reds' conspiratorial apparatus by Congressional exposes. The Communists do not wish their real aims uncovered. Those aims include forced labor, slave camps and mass murder for a large number of Americans.

Communists have injected the segregation issue in an effort to becloud the real issue -- the security of our country. The Red tactic of trying to use the Negro as a pawn is an old one.

It is to the eternal credit of the American Negro that he has always seen through the Marxists' scheme. Having won freedom from slavery in the 1860s, he has no intention of being tricked into a more brutal form of slavery under international Communism.

With the Reds instigating war against our country in many parts of the world, it is imperative that the Congressional Committees, the FBI, State, and other agencies concerned with our nation's security, be strengthened immediately.

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*The dangerous,
practically undetected
Communist weapon . . .*

The Thought Control Brigade

by Matt Cvetic

POTENTIALLY as dangerous as the Red submarines prowling our coasts, or the Russian jets armed with A or H bombs, is the weapon the Communists have been using on us, practically undetected, for years. That weapon is thought control.

The thought control brigade of the Communist Party stealthily moves, almost unmolested, within the mental health and welfare programs of our nation. Behind that facade, the sly purveyors of paranoic behavior flood our country with Red propaganda.

What is wrong with mental health and welfare programs? Nothing, providing they are administered entirely by loyal Americans. Unfortunately, however, an un-

American force has weaseled its way into those programs and is firmly entrenched there.

That force is a potent arm of the Professional Section of the Communist Party in the United States. It is entrusted with infiltrating the social, health and welfare programs, agencies and institutions for the purpose of carrying the Communist "line" into this vital area of American society.

When I was posing as a Communist for the FBI for nine years, up to one-third of the Party's Professional unit was involved in social, health and welfare work. They included psychiatrists, psychologists, medical doctors and social, health and welfare workers. The primary purpose of every one of

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these Party members is to use his or her profession to promote Communist revolution in America.

What harm can they do? Not only can they prevent the recovery of the mentally ill, but they are in a position to destroy the mental health and peace of mind of the physically healthy as well.

STRANGE as it may seem, little has been done to dislodge the Red vermin from these vital areas.

Actually, in many instances, Communists have worked their way undetected into important, controlling post in the social, health and welfare fields.

The Communists work overtime peddling their Red capsules. What can loyal Americans do about it? Loyal American doctors, especially those in the psychiatric and psycho-

logical field, should be on guard against the purveyors of pernicious Red advice. There is no room for Communists or Communism in our psychological and psychiatric field.

On the political level, national, state and local governments should enact legislation ousting Communists from the mental, social, health and welfare fields. Such legislation should deny them employment now or in the future.

Of course, if this is done, the Communists will become stridently vocal about their employment "rights." We Americans have not only rights, ourselves, but a duty to our fellow Americans—especially to the mentally and physically ill.

It is our duty to see that only the competent and the loyal are entrusted with the welfare of our citizens.

It Happened In October:

October 1: Postal treaty provided two cent rate for letters between the United States and England, 1908.

3: First Presidential Thanksgiving Day proclamation issued, 1789.

11: Edison's first invention, the electrical vote recorder, patented, 1868.

18: United States took formal possession of Puerto Rico, 1898.

20: Alaska-Canada boundary dispute settled 1903.

29: Stock market crash, 1929.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (100-0)

DATE: 11/10/58

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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For the information of the Bureau, the following information, pertaining to CVETIC, appeared in the "Roseau, Minnesota, Times Region," a newspaper, in its issue of November 6, 1958:

American Legion members (presumably of Roseau) voted to sponsor the appearance of CVETIC at the Roseau High School Auditorium on November 19, 1958. CVETIC, it was reported, might also address other high schools in the vicinity. CVETIC was described as having been "hailed as one of our most effective counterspies....He has drawn praise from the Congress, the Press and the FBI as well."

No inquiries concerning CVETIC have been received by this Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 1/28/59

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Remytels to Bureau, 5/25 and 26/51.

The Pittsburgh Office recently reviewed the bulky exhibits which contain the material voluntarily turned over to SAs of the Pittsburgh Office by MATTHEW CVETIC, former security informant, on May 26, 1951, with the view toward possibly disposing of this material.

It is noted that, as pointed out in myretels, material furnished by CVETIC consists of letters, leaflets, pamphlets, etc., relating to ASC, CRC and PP, and this material in the main seems to consist of documents furnished previously to this office by CVETIC and/or other Pittsburgh informants. It is noted that this material is described on pages 1271 and 1272 of CVETIC's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., as set out in pamphlet "Expose of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, Hearings Before The Committee On Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Eighty-First Congress," during February and March, 1950.

It is noted that the above mentioned material furnished by CVETIC includes the original exhibits which he turned over to and identified in testimony before the HCUA on March 24 and 25, 1950, as set out in the pamphlet "Expose of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania - Part 2, Hearings Before The Committee On Un-American Activities, Eighty-First Congress."

It is further noted that photographic copies of the exhibits relating to ASC, CRC and PP which CVETIC turned over to HCUA, appear in above mentioned pamphlet pages 2445 to 2631 inclusive.

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UACB, the Pittsburgh Office will retain the material furnished by CVETIC as bulky exhibits, since it is felt that it is possible that CVETIC may at some future date state that he turned certain miscellaneous documents over to the Pittsburgh Office and this office might be requested to produce same.

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-53044)

February 11, 1959

Director, FBI (100-372409)

MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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bc As you are aware Cvetic is presently residing in your area and is attempting to capitalize on his former informant status through public appearances, articles, et cetera.

He recently furnished Walter Winchell information regarding the work he is doing, Photostats of which are attached for your information.

In the event Cvetic contacts your office for any reason you should continue to be most discreet in your contacts with him to preclude any allegations on his part that he is currently working with or for the FBI.

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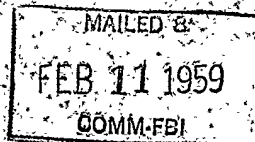
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INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To

From

Subject

1-26-59

Dear Walter

I am in Hollywood negotiating for the

TV production of my new tome "Escape to

Nowhere". It will tell the true story of

what happened, after I came out of the

F.B.I. - during the last nine years

testified in 55 cases

happy to say that my integrity

have never been challenged.

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MATTHEW CVETIC

P. O. BOX 1618
HOLLYWOOD (28), CALIFORNIA

SCHEDULE FOR SPRING-SUMMER TOUR

Mr. Matthew Cvetic, former FBI counterspy, will be on tour throughout the continental United States during the Spring-Summer season of 1959. Mr. Cvetic's fees while on tour will be as follows:

Communities with a population of	5,000 or less —	\$150.00
	5,000 to 25,000 —	\$200.00
	25,000 to 50,000 —	\$250.00
	50,000 to 100,000 —	\$300.00
	100,000 and over —	\$350.00
State conventions, conferences and other events . . .		\$350.00
National conventions, conferences and other events—Fees on Request.		

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The above fees include a talk at your local university, college or high school assembly, when same can be fitted conveniently into Mr. Cvetic's schedule. Radio and TV appearances may be included, time permitting.

The above stated fees include all expenses.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Assistant

Please address your inquiries to reach Mr. Cvetic not later than March 20th.

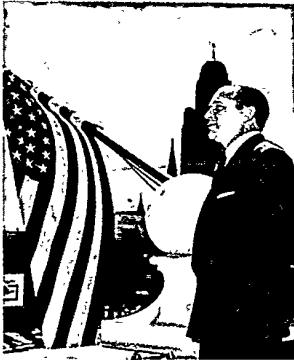
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Former F.B.I. Conspiracy Now Available For Public Appearances

POST OFFICE BOX 1618
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA



MATT CVETIC

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: MATT CVETIC
(pronounced svetick)

Born: Pittsburgh, Pa., March 4, 1909

Education: St. Mary's Elementary School, Pittsburgh, Pa.;
Curry Business College, Pittsburgh; St. Vincent College,
Latrobe, Pa.; International School of Criminology.

Pertinent Employment: United States Department of Labor, United States Department of Justice,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Undercover Activities: In 1941 the FBI requested Mr. Cvetic to join the Communist Party for the purpose of securing intelligence information for the United States Government. Mr. Cvetic successfully infiltrated the Party. In the ensuing nine years, he attended more than 3000 meetings with Soviet Agents, Soviet Secret Police and American Communists. During the nine years he worked as an Undercover Agent, Mr. Cvetic reported regularly to the FBI.

Scope of Activity: After being recruited into the Communist Party, Mr. Cvetic was assigned to the Party's Professional Branch. This Communist unit was composed of Reds in the Scientific, Legal, Medical, Governmental, Social, Health and Welfare fields. Later he was assigned to the Communist's Organizational, Educational, and Financial committees. Mr. Cvetic helped to direct most of the Reds' major fronts in the middle and late 40s. In 1949 he helped organize the Labor Youth League, youth arm of the Communist International in the United States. Mr. Cvetic's nine year pose brought him in contact with hundreds of Soviet Agents and American Communists. His knowledge of the Reds' *conspiratorial methods and techniques* was acquired firsthand.

Personals: Mr. Cvetic was one of 12 children. His father and mother came to the United States from Austria in the late 1800s. For security reasons, he was not permitted to tell his family or friends of his true FBI role. His mother died in October, 1949, believing her son, had betrayed her beloved adopted country. His father died on Memorial Day, 1950, three months after Mr. Cvetic's real FBI role was revealed during his testimony before a Congressional Committee.

Review: Mr. Cvetic authored a series of articles in the *Saturday Evening Post* titled "I Was a Communist for the FBI." A motion picture, starring Frank Lovejoy as Matt Cvetic, was produced; also a radio series, with Dana Andrews playing Cvetic's role. Mr. Cvetic is currently working on a new manuscript entitled "Escape to Nowhere," which will reveal, for the first time, the complete, almost unbelievable story behind his 17-year fight against the *Red conspirators*.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
BUREAU FILE 100-372409

DATE: February 25, 1959

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For record purposes, [redacted] in the Office of Senator Mundt (R. - S. D.), telephoned your office this morning asking for the current address of above-captioned individual who is desired as a speaker at a Sturgis, South Dakota, American Legion function.

After checking Wick informed [redacted] Administrative Assistant to Senator Mundt, (in the absence of [redacted] at 12:00 noon today) that Cvetic's address is Post Office Box 1618, Hollywood, California, where he can be reached and from which box mail will be forwarded to him.

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Honorable Francis Case
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator:

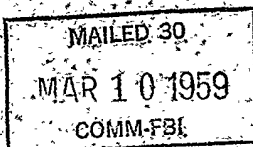
I have received your letter of March 4, 1959,
and it is indeed a pleasure to comply with your request.

Mr. Matthew Cvetic assisted this Bureau as
an informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and
during that time was compensated for information furnished
by him. He was not, however, an employee of the FBI. The
FBI has no present connection with Mr. Cvetic whatsoever and
therefore, cannot furnish any information concerning his current
activities or whereabouts. The FBI in no way endorses
Mr. Cvetic's activities at this time, he does not have access
to information from our files and he does not in any manner
represent the FBI.

I hope that this information will assist you in
answering your correspondent.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning
Senator Case and indicate that we have had cordial correspondence
with him.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
 Washington 25, D.C.
 March 4, 1959

Mr. Tolson ✓
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 Mr. Parsons ✓
 Mr. Rosen ✓
 Mr. Tamm ✓
 Mr. Trotter ✓
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 Mr. Holloman ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A letter was recently received in this office which reads in part as follows:

"I am somewhat curious about this man Matthew Cvetic, who I understand is a former F.B.I. counterspy, who now makes his home at Hollywood, California. I wonder if he is an F.B.I. employee now, whether the anti-subversive activity he is now conducting is sanctioned by the F.B.I., whether he is recognized by the F.B.I., the White House, and Congress, as an authority on anti-subversive activities in the United States."

Is your office in a position to provide the information requested in this inquiry?

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Francis Case
 Francis Case, U.S.S.

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"Dear [redacted] and [redacted]:

"Congratulations on a job well done. It would be a pleasure to be there to shake your hands in person.

"Here are a couple of practical suggestions, based on my experience after I came out of the FBI.

"Don't let the Communist's smears bother you too much. Naturally the conspiring so-and-sos were rocked back on their heels by your expose - so they are not going to like it. From now on they will do everything in their power to discredit you by smear, innuendo, name-calling and down-right lies. You have worked in the service of your country, and you should feel justifiably proud for your contribution to our freedom and security.

"Then there may be some people, not too well intended, who may try to ingratiate themselves for their own selfish purpose. Do be cautious on this. My sincere advise is that you be guided by those with whom you co-operated with in the FBI. While they will not try to tell you what to do, their counsel is worth listening to and heeding.

"In the meantime, whenever you get a chance, give it to the Reds with both barrels --- verbally speaking of course. And by all means, if you ever get the feeling that the American people are too apathetic about the Communist problem, don't let it get you down. Remember, now it's part of our job to help alert them about Communism and all it entails. Good Luck and smooth sailing.

"/s/ Matthew Cvetic"

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[redacted] advised that the attitude of his fellow employees and fellow union members at [redacted] his place of employment, has changed completely since he has returned work. He has been congratulated and received very cordially by persons who for many years were bitter against him when they thought he was a devoted member of the Communist Party. [redacted] explained that since approximately 1953 he has at 15¢ per hour in pay that he would have received as result of an advance in pay grade had he not been identified as a CP member. He also stated that he has reason to believe

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that now he will be promoted to that pay grade. In addition he stated he has felt that he has always been given the most unpleasant jobs at the plant with regard to his job as [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the [redacted] Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has invited him to a meeting and reception following the meeting at the Whittier Public School in Pittsburgh on [redacted]. He will be honored and presented with a life membership in that post in appreciation of his work on behalf of the government. It is noted that in the past his application for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars was turned down. [redacted] advised that he understands dignitaries such as Governor LAWRENCE of Pennsylvania, and various legislators have been invited to this affair also.

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[redacted] advised that she will be accepted in the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he has also been invited to participate in a Loyalty Day celebration at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, which will be sponsored by all veterans groups on [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on [redacted] she was invited to appear and did appear on JEAN CONNELLY's television program on Channel 4 (WTAE), in Pittsburgh. This is a local day-time women's program that presents interesting personalities, fashions and current events of the Pittsburgh area. [redacted] advised that it was a completely unrehearsed show and she was asked general questions concerning her feelings now that her life as a Communist Party member is over. [redacted] stated she remembered she made the observation on the program that she believes the general American public is too complacent in regard to the threat of communism and people should be more alert and appreciative of our democracy.

[redacted] stated that on [redacted] she went back to her former employment, the [redacted] to sign some timesheets and pick up some personal belongings.

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She was immediately taken to an official of that company who explained the company was sorry they had let her go and that now they realized why she could not tell the company the reason she had to take several days off before the HCUA hearings. The official stated that they would be glad to have her come back to work if she so desired. [redacted] accepted and has been working at the [redacted] since [redacted]

[redacted] advised that they were contacted on March 24, 1959, by a [redacted] a writer for the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph," a Hearst newspaper. [redacted] stated she had been requested by the Hearst newspaper syndicate to write an article about [redacted] to be featured nationally in the Hearst papers. The article is to be by-lined by [redacted] but written by [redacted]. [redacted] stated that from the interview by [redacted] the article will probably contain the background of the [redacted] some comments concerning the disciplined life they led as Communist Party members, the abuses and hardships the [redacted] endured after they were named as Communist Party members by MATTHEW CVETIC in 1950, how the Party tries to appeal to women and gain women's support and sympathy by conducting such campaigns as they have in the past against universal military training, cessation of the Atom Bomb tests and other similar issues. [redacted] stated the article probably will be a feature Sunday article but will not run until sometime after Easter, 1959. [redacted] will submit the draft to [redacted] for final approval. [redacted] both stated with regard to this contemplated article that they will not name any individuals therein; that they will not say anything that will reflect adversely on the Bureau; that they will protect their confidential relationship with the Bureau; and that they will edit the article carefully to make sure everything that appears in the article is the truth. If possible, time limitations permitting, a copy of this article will be obtained by the Pittsburgh Office and submitted to the Bureau before it appears in the papers.

[redacted] also stated that [redacted] made no mention of payment of money to them for the article but that they do not intend to allow themselves to be publicized without

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some compensation and that they will keep the Pittsburgh Office closely advised in regard to all aspects of this article.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] again stated they are willing to testify in any hearings before other government agencies providing they are able to take time away from their employment and providing they are compensated in an amount equal to a regular day's pay.

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In this regard the Pittsburgh Office is presently reviewing [redacted] filed for information they furnished in connection with LAE cases and a letter setting forth these cases will be submitted within the near future.

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South Dakota Mental Health Association
Geyerman Building
Huron, South Dakota

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 27, 1959, has been received. Matthew Gvetic assisted this Bureau as an informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time was compensated for information furnished by him. He never has had access to our files nor has he ever represented the FBI in any respect.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record on the Association, and [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

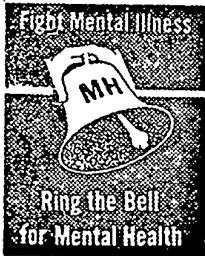
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Mental Health Association

Geyerman Building
Huron, South Dakota

March 27, 1959

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I should like to request some information concerning Mr. Matt Cvetic who has of recent months been engaged in public speaking in South Dakota.

1. Is Mr. Matt Cvetic employed now or has he ever been in the employ of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?
2. Has Mr. Matt Cvetic in the past or in the present had access to the Federal Bureau's files?
3. Has Mr. Matt Cvetic presently or in the past represented the official opinions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

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Buron, South Dakota

Dear [REDACTED]:

Your letter dated April 14, 1959, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Matthew Cvetic was never a Special Agent of the FBI. He did, however, furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and was compensated for his services. Mr. Cvetic has no present connections with this Bureau and my comments should not be construed as a clearance, nonclearance or recommendation regarding him. (100-372409)

I have noted your most gracious comments concerning the FBI and I trust we will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, Minneapolis

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's letter. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent expressed her appreciation for the work of the FBI in protecting this country. She then advises she is attempting to bring Cvetic to her city but is running into snags. She requests proof from the FBI that Cvetic is what he claims to be.

Assembly of God Church

Huron, South Dakota

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Church Office

360 Ohio Ave. S. W.
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April 14, 1959
Huron, S. D.

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.

U.S. Dept. of Justice,

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

First, let me express my sincere appreciation for the work of the F.B.I. in doing its part to protect this country from the Communists. Through some recent lengthy study on these matters, I have been made aware of the real threat of communism to us and the excellent work of the F.B.I. and the House of UN-American Activities against it. Any "smear-attack" against these two will receive no sympathy from me. I'm for you 100%.

We are endeavoring to bring Matthew Gvetic, former under-cover agent for the F.B.I. who posed as a Communist for 9 years, to our little city. But we are running up against snags, (Communists, sympathizers, I suppose), and would like to have some proof from the F.B.I. that Matt Gvetic is what he says he is. We have only his own advertising to show, and that for some people, is not enough. I trust you can help us in this matter very soon as there is no time for delay.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. MC GUIRE

DATE: APR 14 1959

FROM : L. E. SHORT

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY
INFORMANT C-113
IMPERSONATION

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Bulky Exhibit File Number: 100-372409-279

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1113, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

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Done 4.21.59 pma
This exhibit can be destroyed. Case dismissed.

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Mr. Milton Rosen
Commissioner of Public Utilities
Department of Public Utilities
216 City Hall and Court House
Saint Paul 2, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Rosen:

Your letter dated April 21, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

As you may know, Mr. Matthew Cvetic has no present connections with the FBI and has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau. He did, however, furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and was compensated for his services.

I have noted your kind personal remarks and they are indeed gratifying.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Minneapolis (enclosure)
ATTENTION: SAC, Minneapolis

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data of a derogatory nature concerning the correspondent.

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Mr. Milton Rosen

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advised he ~~has~~ heard Cvetic's speech on 4-20-59 and while not a dynamic speaker, his story went over well. Correspondent thought the Director might like to know that Cvetic's meeting was a huge success and he wishes we had more like him to inform the unsuspecting public.

It is not clear whether correspondent is of opinion Cvetic still has some connection with the Bureau. Since it appears possible he may have such an opinion, it is believed he should be informed of the status of Cvetic's past association with the Bureau. (100-372409)

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April 21, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friend Hoover:

I had the pleasure of listening to Matt Cyetic last evening, and I wish we had more like him travelling around the country telling us of the perils that are at our very door throughout the nation. While he is not a very dynamic speaker, yet his story went over beautifully when he spoke to us last night here in St. Paul.

I thought you would be interesting in knowing that his meeting was a huge success, and I just wish we had more like him to inform our unsuspecting public of what's going on throughout this nation.

Trusting you are enjoying the best of health, and with kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours

Milton Rosen

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Commissioner of Public Utilities

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 7/1/59

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANTALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Enclosed are the following articles which were received recently by the Pittsburgh Office and which were furnished by MATTHEW CVETIC:

1. Letter to the Editor of the "Daily Journal, Rapid City, S. D.," issue of 6/16/59 captioned, "No Recognition," by MATTHEW CVETIC, P.O. Box 1618, Hollywood 28, California.
2. Photograph of MATTHEW CVETIC as Pony League Empire, which appeared in "Daily Journal, Rapid City, S. D.," issue of 6/16/59.

Enclosed for the Minneapolis Office are autostat copies of the above-mentioned articles.

The enclosures are being furnished to the Bureau and Minneapolis as a matter of information.

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1 - Minneapolis (Encl. 2) (Info)
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Letters to the Editor

NO RECOGNITION

I would like to comment on an article by George W. Cornell, AP religion writer, in the June 9 issue of the Rapid City Daily Journal. The article deals with the question of whether we should or should not recognize Red China.

When I posed as a Communist for the FBI, I knew, as a matter of fact, that the Chinese Communists were part and parcel of the international Red conspiracy directed by the Kremlin. Why some of our diplomats, of the late 40's, dealt with the Chinese Reds as "agrarian reformers," despite the fact that they knew better, is something that stands the scrutiny of every American.

Why some American diplomats permitted the Chinese people to fall into the hands of Communist bandits is something only they, the diplomats who caused it, can explain.

From knowledge acquired inside the Soviet conspiracy from Communist agents, one thing stands out crystal clear — "If we are to remain a free nation and if we are to avoid a disastrous World War III, we can never recognize Red China. And why not? Simple mathematics reflect that recognizing Red Russia lost almost half of the world to communism. Recognizing Red China most assuredly can have only one final and appalling result — Loss of the other half of the world to communism — AND WE ARE IN THAT OTHER HALF! To those who want to know the Kremlin's position on Red China, here it is:

The Kremlin's plan for Red China was handed down to Communists all over the world by the late leader of the Red conspiracy, Stalin in 1949. Since, during that year, I was still posing as a Communist, I also received this Red directive. Quoting Comrade Stalin, it stated as follows:

"Comrades, we have now taken over China — our next task in Communism is four-fold. First — In

1950, we must liquidate (Communist for murder) 20,000,000 in China to solidify our control. Second — We must gain recognition for our new Communist government in China. Third — We must secure admission for her to the United Nations. Fourth — Finally, and the most important task, comrades, is as follows: We must get all the help in the way of machinery, material, equipment and supplies from the enemy (we always called the United States, "the enemy" in secret Communist party meetings) for our new Communist government in China. "This help from the enemy, comrades, will hasten the day of the Communist revolution in the United States."

So you can see that according to the Kremlin's plan, by recognizing Red China, by admitting her to the United Nations or trading with her, we would be literally "sowing the seeds of our own destruction."

To those who want to recognize the Red tyrants in China, because they think it is the Christian thing — or the American thing to do — let me, as a fellow American and Christian, pose a couple of questions.

"Did Moses compromise with Pharaoh in Egypt to win freedom for the Hebrew slaves?"

"Did Christ compromise with the money-changers, hypocrites or the devil?" Of course not! And neither can we appease or compromise with the Red tyrants. Appeasement or compromise not only will never win freedom for the enslaved behind the Iron or Bamboo Curtain, but can have the disastrous result of loss of our own freedom as calculatingly plotted by the Reds.

True Christians — good Americans — can never acquiesce in the enslavement of men by recognizing and giving respectability to the ruthless tyrants who enslave them.

MATTHEW CVETIC
P.O. Box 1618
Hollywood, 28, Calif.

Pittsburgh Division

Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Pittsburgh Press

Pittsburgh Sun-

Telegraph

Pittsburgh Post-

Gazette

The Pittsburgh

Courier

Daily Journal, Rapid City, S.D.

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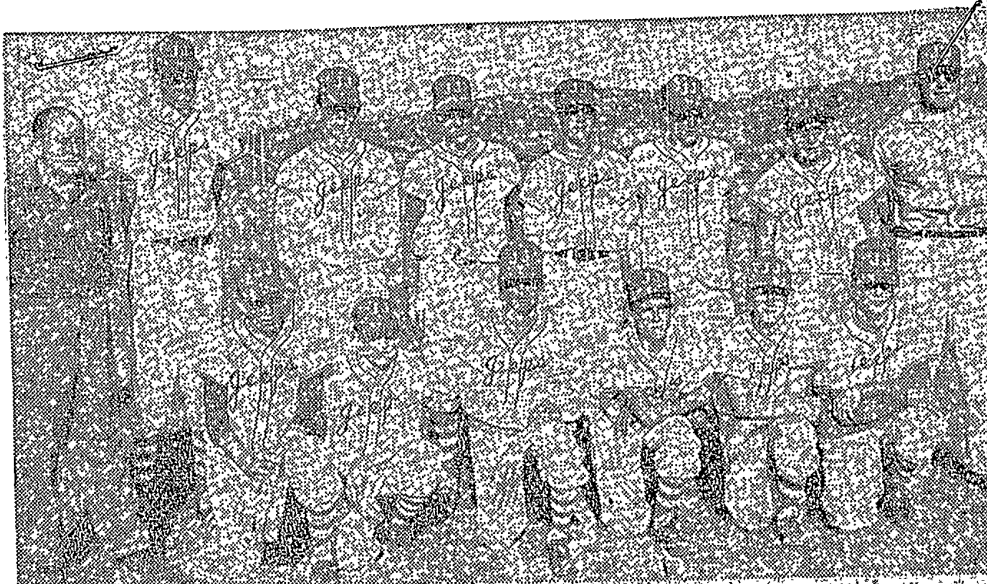
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PONY LEAGUER FOR THE FBI—Matt Cvetic, former counterspy with the FBI, visited Rapid City yesterday and umpired PONY League baseball game between Jeeps and Pedros. Cvetic, who's touring the country promoting Americanism is pictured in back row, left. Next to Cvetic from left to right, are Jeep's Jerry Barnes, Frank Bangs, David Schaar, Joe Wilde, Joe Trompeter, Gibb Rogers, and manager Jack Moravec. Front row, left to right, Dick Keller, Fred Starko, Doug Edmonds, Scott King, Jim Quinn and Pat Hall. (Journal Photo)

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Editor E.L. Ingvalson

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 7/8/59

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Re WFO letter to Bureau, 6/12/59, captioned "HCUA" (Bufile 61-7582) which enclosed for the Bureau and Pittsburgh copies of three pamphlets published by the HCUA which concerned hearings held before the HCUA in Pittsburgh, Pa., on 3/10,11,12/59.

It is noted that the name of MATTHEW CVETIC (Former C-113) was mentioned on nine occasions during this testimony. These references to CVETIC were passing remarks regarding CVETIC's testimony before the HCUA in 1950 or slurring references to him made by individuals who had been subpoenaed to testify before the HCUA.

Inasmuch as no new pertinent information concerning CVETIC was included in this testimony, no further action is being taken concerning this matter by Pittsburgh.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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pk. TO : The Director

DATE: 7-2-59

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Original filed in: 66-1731-1670

Page A5699, Congressman Berry, (R) South Dakota, requested to have printed in the Record a letter to the editor of the Rapid City (South Dakota) Daily Journal from Matthew Cvetic on the subject of recognition of Red China. Mr. Berry stated Mr. Cvetic is a former Communist for the FBI whose recent lecture tour in South Dakota was very well received. His comments deserve careful consideration."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 7-1-59 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 7/13/59

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANTALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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On July 1, 1959, MATTHEW CVETIC, former Security Informant, stopped at the Pittsburgh Office, and turned over to SA [redacted] page 2 of "The Casper Tribune - Herald," a Casper, Wyoming daily newspaper, issue of Sunday, 6/28/59, which contained an article captioned "Cvetic, Famed 'Communist for FBI,' Here, Opposes Red China Recognition." There is enclosed for the Bureau and the Denver Office a copy of this article and an autostat copy of said article, respectively.

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CVETIC advised SA [redacted] that he arrived in Pittsburgh, June 29th, 1959; that he is visiting his family, taking care of some legal matters and expects to leave Pittsburgh and return to the West Coast on or about July 5 and 6, 1959.

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On July 1, 1959, [redacted] U. S. Marshal, Pittsburgh, personally turned over to SAC BERNARD C. BROWN a calling card of MATTHEW CVETIC, which he, [redacted] had received from CVETIC on that date. Said card which refers to CVETIC as a "Former FBI Counterspy" is enclosed for the information of the Bureau. An autostat of said card is enclosed for information of Los Angeles Office.

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1 - Pittsburgh (67-2584)

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MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER FBI COUNTERSPY

P.O. BOX 1618

HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA

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By IRVING GARBUTT
Staff Writer

A counterspy looks more like the prosaic, conservatively attired businessman than say Peter Lorre, Sydney Greenstreet or other Hollywood types.

So one would gather from meeting Matt Cvetic, one of the most famous counterspies of contemporary times, who visited unobtrusively in Casper Friday.

Few would recognize him as author of the book, "I Was a Communist for the FBI," later made into a movie, or realize that his factual testimony before the un-American activities committee had sent the party members scurrying for cover in several large eastern seaboard cities.

As a trusted party member himself (all the while working closely with the FBI for nine years), he could identify the Communists; for he had even collected their dues and taken down the minutes of numerous cell meetings of the comrades.

Dropping in at the Tribune-Star office, the short, muscular man of Austrian parentage, neatly dressed in a dark business suit, seemed to exude a glow of anti-

Communist zeal. It is almost a religion with him. At 50 he has the vitality of the dedicated man, determined to awaken all America to the ominous nature of the Communist conspiracy—which he likens to the organizational setup of the old Capone gang in Chicago.

STOP AT NOTHING

"I could substitute the names of Capone and his henchmen for the Russian hierarchy of today, and the similarity would be startling," he said. "For the masters of Russia stoop at nothing to achieve their ends, whether it be counterfeiting currency, murder, blackmail, hijacking or any other gangster tactic."

"When the American people can view communism in the light of this background, they will be immune to the blandishments and propaganda spread by Moscow," he said.

Mr. Cvetic (pronounced syetick) said he reached 2½ million people on his recent lecture tour of the Dakotas, Nebraska and Minnesota, speaking before innumerable service clubs and other groups large and small, as well as over TV and radio. He was on his way to Pittsburgh to visit his parents, thence to Hollywood where his family lives, and where he will continue work on a new book.

Note to Rocky Mountain district, Communist party, with headquarters in Denver. Mr. Cvetic plans to return to Montana, Wyoming and Colorado for lecture appearances in the fall. He will speak before service clubs and schools in Casper.

"I advocate a firm policy in dealing with international communism," he said. "Firmness is the only salvation of the United States. And I strongly urge the people of Wyoming to support the position of firmness which Christian Herter, secretary of state, has adopted."

Asked for observations on current Soviet strategy, Mr. Cvetic said it had been apparent for some time that Communists in this country were stepping up their campaign to agitate for recognition of Red China, working through Communist front organizations and the usual well-meaning but unsuspecting people who succumb to propaganda.

OPPOSES RECOGNITION

From knowledge acquired inside the Soviet conspiracy from Communist agents, one thing stands out crystal clear—if we are to remain a free nation and if we

are to avoid a disastrous World War III, we can never recognize Red China," he declared.

"And why not? Simple mathematics reflect that recognizing Red Russia lost almost half of the world to communism. Recognizing Red China most assuredly can have only one final and appalling result—loss of the other half of the world to Communism. And we are in that other half."

The Kremlin's plan for Red China was handed to Communists all over the world by the late leader of the Red conspiracy, Stalin, in 1949, he recalled.

"Since, during that time, I was still posing as a Communist, I also received this Red directive. Quoting Comrade Stalin, it stated as follows:

"Comrades, we have now taken over China—our next task in China is fourfold: First—in 1950, we must liquidate (Communist for murder) 20,000,000 in China to solidify our control. Second—we must gain recognition for our new Communist government in China. Third—we must secure admission for her to the United Nations. Fourth—finally, and the most important task, comrades, is as follows: We must get all the help in the way of machinery, material, equipment and supplies from the enemy (we always called the United States the enemy in secret Communist party meetings) for our new Communist government in China. This help from the enemy, comrades, will hasten the day of the Communist revolution in the United States."

"So you can see," he continued, "that according to the Kremlin's plan, by recognizing Red China, by admitting her to the United Nations or trading with her, we would be literally sewing the seeds of our own destruction."

NO COMPROMISE

"To those who want to recognize the Red tyrants in China, because they think it is the Christian thing—or the American thing to do—let me, as a fellow American and Christian, pose a couple of questions."

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astrous result of loss of our own freedom as calculatingly plotted by the Reds.

"True Christians—good Americans—can never acquiesce in the enslavement of men by recognizing and giving respectability to the ruthless tyrants who enslave them."

Cvetic, Famed Communist

for FBI,

Here, Opposes Red China

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Author of Article

Irving Garbutt

Editor

Title of Case and
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Matthew Cvetic

Former Security

Informant

Pittsburgh Division

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Reds Swarming Here, Ex-FBI Agent Warns

During a nationwide tour just concluded, it was encouraging to discover that more and more Americans are awakening to the Red threat.

Out here in the so-called film and television capital, however, the "komrats" are still having a field day. Many of the vermin flushed out of eastern cities have found what appears to be a safe haven in Southern California.

Here they have successfully infiltrated the motion picture and TV industries, the social, health and welfare programs and, to a remarkable degree, the educational system.

The people of California are entitled to know the facts — and the facts are that the Reds are making their heaviest concentration and exerting their greatest efforts right now on the West Coast.

I am certain that the hearings which the House Committee on Un-American Activities has scheduled here for this autumn will develop the extent of the Communist concentration.

The Reds appear to have been so successful in Hollywood that many producers are afraid to make a pro-American anti-Communist production for fear of retribution.

Most people are unaware that the influence which secret Reds and sympathetic allies wield in Hollywood is so potent they are able to prevent or hamper production of typical American themes.

Among their subtle weapons are smears, slander, sly intimidation, veiled threats and even actual threats of retribution. These few people, less than 1% of 1%, wield an influence far out of proportion to their numbers primarily because the average American doesn't understand the Reds' scheming techniques.

As an example how poorly informed many people are in this area, when the American Legion recently called attention to the fact Red vermin have worked their way back into the motion picture and TV field, certain producers took time to publicly resent the allegation.

Instead of protesting, these producers should have welcomed exposing the Reds. Such producers cause more than a slight ripple of laughter in Red circles. I can assure you.

How are Reds able to make such progress in so relatively short a time?

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

7-22-59

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

EDITH NICK B. WILLIAMS

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

RE: MATT CVETIC
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Because few people have any conception of the danger of one communist in a key position.

The Reds are trained to get into key posts everywhere and there carry on Communist work. Few people realize that one Red strategically placed can corrupt a news column, a motion picture, a radio or TV program.

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How? Simply by making one slight, meaningful change or planned mistake in copy of script. One rotten apple can spoil a barrelful, and it takes only one Red to mislead millions of innocent Americans.

When we Americans realize there is no such thing as a "harmless" Red, then we will start making some real progress against them.

I think it timely to remind many prominent people in Los Angeles County, and especially those who have been busy entertaining Reds and organizing cultural exchanges for them, that the communists have a special role for them if or when communism takes over this country.

The Reds intend to make such people a part of the "shovel brigade" which, prodded by Red bayonets, will wend its way to open fields to dig common graves for the brigade's own members.

Remember Khrushchey's recent promise that "we will bury you"? Yes, they intend to bury us after we dig our own graves — that is a very definite part of the communist plan for "the capitalist swine."

In Washington recently some "authority" came up with the bright idea that we should permit the employment of Reds in non-sensitive positions. When you are dealing with a conspirator, just what is a "non-sensitive position"?

Shortly after I dropped my masquerade as a Communist and revealed I was an FBI agent testifying against Soviet secret agents, I was attacked by a would-be "American" Red hero with a knife.

And what was the "non-sensitive" position he was holding? He was only a bus boy in a restaurant.

MATT CVETIC,
Hollywood.

Mr. Cvetic will be remembered as the FBI counterspy who duped Soviet secret agents, including the notorious Gerhard Eisler, for nearly 10 years before exposing the Red conspiracy in this country. — Ed.

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Date: 7/27/59

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Re Los Angeles telephone call to Inspector ROBERT WICK, 7/27/59.

Attached hereto is a newspaper clipping from the "Los Angeles Times" 7/27/59 which is the article discussed with Inspector WICK. The article is a letter to the editor of the "Times" from "MATT CVETIC" captioned "Reds Swarming Here, Ex-FBI Agent Warns".

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 27, 1959

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

MATT CVETIC
 "LOS ANGELES TIMES"
 7-27-59
 LETTER TO EDITOR

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For record purposes, at 12:20 p.m. today, SAC D. K. Brown of the Los Angeles Office advised Wick that the "Los Angeles Times" issue of today on the editorial page carries a letter from Matt Cvetic to which the paper devotes considerable space. In essence it relates to a warning to the citizens that the Communist Party is infiltrating Hollywood.

D. K. Brown said his reason for calling is that toward the end of the column Cvetic says he was an Agent of the FBI and then was revealed and subsequently attacked by Red agents.

ACTION TAKEN:

Wick told Brown this is not the first time Cvetic has done this and that it would be well for Brown to contact a good friend on the paper and informally advise him that Cvetic was never an employee of the FBI, was not an Agent but for a time did supply information to the FBI of a security nature for which he was compensated. Brown said he could handle this.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/29/59

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
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Attached is a "Letter to the Editor" from captioned individual, which letter appeared in the Los Angeles Times of July 27, 1959. It will be noted that CVETIC in his letter claims to have been an FBI Agent.

This letter was given unusual prominence on The Letter Page. For this reason, while at the Los Angeles Times Editorial Offices on the afternoon of July 27th, I informed Mr. Taylor Trumbo, Managing Editor, and Mr. Chester L. Hale, City Editor, that CVETIC was never an Agent of the FBI, but in fact was an informant who was paid for information which he developed.

Mr. Trumbo stated that the man in charge of their "Letter to the Editor Section" was so anti-communist that he would prominently display any anti-communist letter.

Both of these gentlemen did, however, seem to appreciate the information that CVETIC was never actually employed as an FBI Agent.

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Reds Swarming Here, Ex-FBI Agent Warns

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During a nationwide tour just concluded, it was encouraging to discover that more and more Americans are awakening to the Red threat.

Out here in the so-called film and television capital, however, the "komrats" are still having a field day. Many of the vermin flushed out of eastern cities have found what appears to be a safe haven in Southern California.

Here they have successfully infiltrated the motion picture and TV industries, the social, health and welfare programs and, to a remarkable degree, the educational system.

The people of California are entitled to know the facts — and the facts are that the Reds are making their heaviest concentration and exerting their greatest efforts right now on the West Coast.

I am certain that the hearings which the House Committee on Un-American Activities has scheduled here for this autumn will develop the extent of the Communist concentration.

The Reds appear to have been so successful in Hollywood that many producers are afraid to make a pro-American anti-Communist production for fear of retribution.

Most people are unaware that the influence which secret Reds and sympathetic allies wield in Hollywood is so potent they are able to prevent or hamper production of typical American themes.

Among their subtle weapons are smears, slander, sly intimidation, veiled threats and even actual threats of retribution. These few people, less than 1/2 of 1%, wield an influence far out of proportion to their numbers primarily because the average American doesn't understand the Reds' scheming techniques.

As an example, how poorly informed many people are in this area, when the American Legion recently called attention to the fact Red vermin have worked their way back into the motion picture and TV field, certain producers took time to publicly resent the allegation.

Instead of protesting, these producers should have welcomed exposing the Reds. Such producers cause more than a slight ripple of laughter in Red circles. I can assure you.

How are Reds able to make such progress in so relatively short a time?

Because few people have any conception of the danger of one communist in a key position.

The Reds are trained to get into key posts everywhere and there carry on Communist work. Few people realize that one Red strategically placed can corrupt a news column, a motion picture, a radio or TV program.

How? Simply by making one slight, meaningful change or planned mistake in copy or script. One rotten apple can spoil a barrelful, and it takes only one Red to mislead millions of innocent Americans.

When we Americans realize there is no such thing as a "harmless" Red, then we will start making some real progress against them.

I think it timely to remind many prominent people in Los Angeles County, and especially those who have been busy entertaining Reds and organizing cultural exchanges for them, that the communists have a special role for them if or when communism takes over this country.

The Reds intend to make such people a part of the "shovel brigade," which, prodded by Red bayonets, will wend its way to open fields to dig common graves for the brigade's own members.

Los Angeles Times
July 27, 1959

Taylor Trumbo,
Managing Editor
Chester L. Hale,
City Editor

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remember Khrushchev's recent promise that "we will bury you"? Yes, they intend to bury us after we dig our own graves — that is a very definite part of the communist plan for "the capitalist swine."

In Washington recently some "authority" came up with the bright idea that we should permit the employment of Reds in non-sensitive positions. When you are dealing with a conspirator, just what is a "non-sensitive position"?

Shortly after I dropped my masquerade as a Communist and revealed I was an FBI agent testifying against Soviet secret agents, I was attacked by a would-be "American" Red hero with a knife.

And what was the "non-sensitive" position he was holding? He was only a bus boy in a restaurant.

MATT CVETIC
Hollywood.

Mr. Cvetic will be remembered as the FBI counterspy who duped Soviet secret agents, including the notorious Gerhard Eisler, for nearly 10 years before exposing the Red conspiracy in this country.—Ed.

100-372409-454
August 18, 1959

Dr. Gerald G. Govorchin
Professor of Slavic History
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Informant

Dear Dr. Govorchin:

Your letter of August 10, 1959, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance in response to your request, we do not have a photograph of Mr. Matthew Cvetic available nor do we have his present mailing address. He has no present connections with this Bureau and has never been a Special Agent of the FBI. He did, however, furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and was compensated for his services.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

Bufiles reflect no derogatory information identifiable with Govorchin other than in 1947 his name appeared on a list of persons having corresponded with the Soviet Embassy. There was no indication as to what the correspondence was about. Title of Dr. per 1957 Directory of American Scholars. Govorchin received his PHD at Chicago in 1942.

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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
Coral Gables 46, Florida

August 10, 1959

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

book written by Gerald G. Govorchin

The University of Florida Press will soon be publishing my book on the ~~X~~Yugoslov Americans, and I am looking for photographs of prominent Yugoslov personalities. I am particularly anxious to obtain a photo of Matt Cvetic, who, as a member of your organization, was instrumental in exposing a group of dangerous Communist leaders in the Pittsburgh area in 1950.

Do you have a photograph of Cvetic that I might be able to use? If not, have you any suggestions to offer as to how I might be able to get one? If I knew his address I'd write to him, but all I know is that he lives somewhere in Pittsburgh. I fear that is not enough.

Any help you may be able to render me in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Gerald G. Govorchin
Professor of Slavic History

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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
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August 10, 1959

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 11-22-87 BY SP7PAC/MLP

Dear Sirs:

The University of Florida Press will soon be publishing my book on the Yugoslav Americans, and I am looking for photographs of prominent Yugoslav personalities. I am particularly anxious to obtain a photo of Matt Coetic, who, as a member of your organization, was instrumental in exposing a group of dangerous Communist leaders in the Pittsburgh area in 1950.

Do you have a photograph of Coetic that I might be able to use? If not, have you any suggestions to offer as to how I might be able to get one? If I knew his address I'd write to him, but all I know is that he lives somewhere in Pittsburgh. I fear that is not enough.

Any help you may be able to render me in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

Gerald R. Goroichin

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 9/17/59

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

Enclosed for the Bureau is a "Statement" issued by MATTHEW CVETIC, Post Office Box 1618, Hollywood 28, California, which was forwarded to the Pittsburgh Office by CVETIC, on 9/5/59.

Enclosed for the Los Angeles Office is an autostat copy of this "Statement."

Enclosures being furnished to Bureau and Los Angeles as matter of information.

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STATEMENT

For Immediate Release

From my personal observations, 1959 and 1960 are going to be vital years in the history of our nation; and the most critical in our lifetime.

Recent events should serve as a harbinger and a forewarning to all that not only are our fortunes at stake, but our liberty and our very lives as well.

Those of us who understand the gravity of the situation realize that we are faced, not with a "political or diplomatic battle of words," but rather with a "battle for survival" against a deceitful, treacherous, and ruthless enemy.

Eighteen years in the fight against Communism, nine of which I spent posing as a Communist for our FBI, have convinced me beyond any doubt that we Americans must make a choice here and now between:

AMERICANISM - with freedom of thought, speech,
press and religion as guaranteed by
our Constitution

OR

COMMUNISM -- with its systematic brain-washing,
thought-control, mass enslavement and
mass murder.

Americanism or Communism? Which way America? We can thank Almighty God that WE STILL HAVE SUCH A CHOICE!

The reason there is such a delusion concerning this vital issue is because too many Americans do not seem to realize that, IF WE EVER LOSE OUR FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM - WE LOSE FOREVER! Many of us our very lives; all of us our freedom, which is now guaranteed under our American Constitution.

Being cognizant of the potent danger of Red intrigue and deceit, I am fully aware of the necessity for persistently arousing the American people from their apathy and lethargy in this "crucial battle for survival."

Therefore, I plan to continue speaking across the country, giving my fellow Americans knowledge of the Reds' conspiratorial methods and techniques. Knowledge which was acquired first-hand, while posing as a Communist for the FBI.

I am a firm believer that an informed America will remain alert, a safe, and a free America.

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Matthew Cvetic
P. O. Box 1618
Hollywood 28, Cal.

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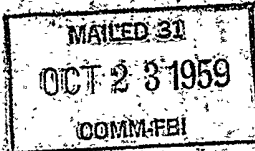
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 16, 1959, has been received.

In response to your request for the present address of Mr. Matthew Cvetic, I would like to advise that this Bureau has no present connection with him, and I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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NOTE: Cvetic assisted this Bureau as an informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950. Bufiles reflect that correspondent on 10-10-53, requested Cvetic's current address as she wanted him to be a speaker before a high school group. She was advised that we do not know his current whereabouts. (100-372409-323)

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Principal

October 16, 1959

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Office of Information

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We would appreciate if you could furnish us
with the address of Mr. Matt Civetic. We are in-
terested in securing him as a speaker.

Thanking you in advance.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature Box]

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Reurlet 9-18-59.

New York is authorized to advise [redacted] that T-8 in the report of SA [redacted] dated 3-21-51 captioned "Yugoslav American Cooperative Home, Inc., Internal Security - C" is Matthew Cvetic. Cvetic's background, as you noted in relet, [redacted]

According to Bufiles, Cvetic was last known to be residing in Hollywood, California, and could be reached through Post Office Box 1618 at Hollywood.

Referral/Consult

For information of Los Angeles, [redacted]

regarding information furnished by Cvetic in above-mentioned report.

There is no need for Pittsburgh to furnish Bureau any information regarding Cvetic's status as requested in relet.

- 1 - Pittsburgh (67-2584)
- 1 - Los Angeles

① - 100-372409 (Cvetic)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's Security Index card canceled 12-57. He is subject of deportation proceedings. Cvetic has [redacted] on numerous occasions in the past. Since his exposure, Cvetic has attempted to capitalize on his former relationship with the Bureau. However, no reason exists which would preclude furnishing his identity to [redacted]. New York requested Pittsburgh to forward any information to the Bureau which would have a bearing on making Cvetic's identity known to [redacted]. As Cvetic's last-known residence is Los Angeles, no need for Pittsburgh to reply to this lead.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 1/26/60

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
~~FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT~~

Enclosed for the Bureau, and one autostat for Los Angeles, is a one page pamphlet advertising the sale of CVETIC's book entitled "The Big Decision, Story of Matthew Cvetic, Counterspy." This pamphlet sets forth that orders may be sent to the following address:

The Big Decision
Post Office Box 2789
Hollywood 28, California.

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Referral/Consult

The above pamphlet was received by SA JOHN R. MITCHELL from

[REDACTED] Pittsburgh, Pa., who had recently received the pamphlet from CVETIC.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office inasmuch as CVETIC presently resides within the territory covered by Los Angeles.

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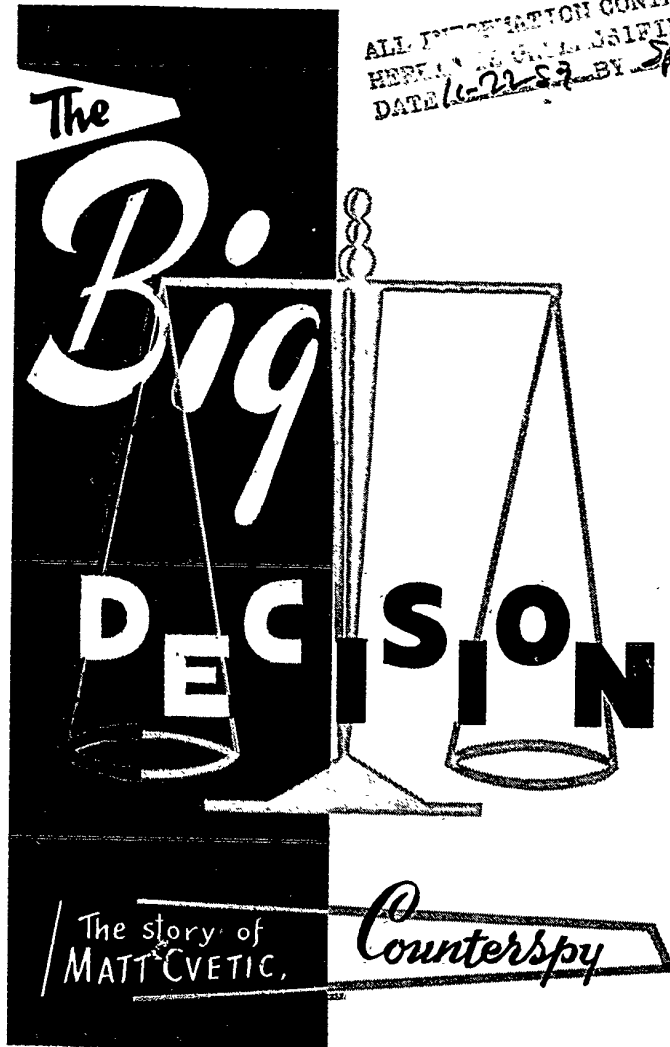
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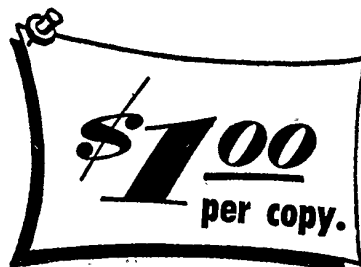
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1 - Mr. Simpson

April 15, 1960

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Santa Barbara, California

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 4, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles (Enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning him.

Correspondent enclosed a reprint of an article entitled "The Mental Health Goldbrick" by Matt Cvetic which appeared in the "American Mercury" magazine dated January, 1959. This article is critical of mental health programs.

Matthew Cvetic was a Bureau informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and since then has attempted to capitalize on his former relationship with the Bureau. (100-372409)

The Bureau does not possess any information which would substantiate the allegations made by Cvetic in his article.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent is a member of a local mental health association and, with others, is attempting to educate the people along the lines of mental health. Articles of the type written by Cvetic are harmful to his cause and he therefore requests to be advised if the facts are true and if the Director feels that communism has invaded the field of mental health.

In view of the controversial nature of these mental health programs, it is believed we should be most circumspect in our reply and that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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April 4, 1960

[REDACTED]
Santa Barbara, California

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir -

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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP7MAC/FA

~~X~~ As a member of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Mental Health Ass'n we are endeavoring to educate the people of this community along the lines of mental health, its care and prevention. We are allied with both the State and National Associations.-

Such articles as the enclosed by Matt Cvetic are extremely harmful to our cause, especially when we try to raise funds to carry on the work.

I would like to ask you if these facts are true and if you feel that Communism has invaded this field and that by our efforts we are helping the "Communist plot to destroy not only our mental health but our nation itself"

Your reply will be much appreciated

Sincerely

/s/

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April 4, 1960

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Sir -

~~Handwritten~~
~~typed~~ as a member of the Board of Directors
of the Santa Barbara Mental Health
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the so-called "experts" who have wheedled their way into mental health programs have been involved with conspiratorial groups at one time or another? Yet they are allowed to prescribe for our mental health and that of our children!

THE VITAL mental health field should be left in the hands of qualified and loyal psychiatrists, psychologists, family doctors and clergymen who understand and fully appreciate our American way of life. Only among such qualified citizens do we have the trustworthy trained men and women competent to deal with the emotional and spiritual needs of loyal Americans.

There is, in this country, a small but vociferous group of misguided professional men and women whose gospel is the murderous, materialistic and godless one of Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev. Their vicious doctrine includes their right to commit mass murder and enforce mass enslavement. They arrogate to themselves the power of life and death over all humanity.

The sudden interest of these and certain internationally-minded persons in our mental "health" should be the subject of thorough scrutiny. We must learn to what degree the conniving Reds and their allies already have infiltrated mental health work, one of the most vital areas of our American society.

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THE MENTAL HEALTH GOLDBRICK

by Matt Cvetic

Americans must look for the motives behind this program.

LEADING television, stage, screen and radio personalities donated hours of their time and talent in May, 1958, to a telethon originating in Hollywood. The telethon marked a "public interest" fund-raising effort. Its pitch was Mental Health, which—TV viewers were warned repeatedly—was in an alarming state. Therefore, said the promoters, the need for money was most urgent.

As entertainment, the telethon was all that could be expected; as a fund-raiser, despite frequent appeals by performers and announcers, it was not a success.

The campaign may have missed its monetary goal because the public is tired of the numerous charity drives to which it constantly is being subjected.

Some attributed the financial flop to doubt that the need was as serious as pictured. Others suspected the motives of certain persons in the mental health field.

There is evidence that the latter possibility was largely responsible. Newspaper readers' letters throughout the country the past year or so have indicated citizens are becoming concerned about the sincerity of all the hand-wringing over America's mental health.

Certain "authorities" have been insisting that the number of mental cases is growing and the need for more hospital space is critical. Yet, in a statement released to the Associated Press at New York City June 8, 1958, the National Association for Mental Health revealed that the number of mental cases in

hospitals was on the decline. The statement added, however, that it was not because fewer patients were being admitted, but because more were being released after successful treatment.

In the 1958-59 budget submitted to the California State Legislature by Governor Goodwin J. Knight, the following significant sentence appears on Page 781: "Due to the leveling off of the mentally ill patient population, no major construction projects for additional bed capacity are proposed in this budget." That statement appears doubly significant when viewed in light of the fact that California is now the fastest growing state in the Union.

Nevertheless, a citizen who dares oppose any phase of the vast and costly mental health program, anywhere at any time, invariably is attacked from certain quarters.

"Who's against mental health except a few crackpots?" sneer Communists, their allies and dupes, whenever anyone questions enlarging the mental health program.

FORTUNATELY, enough hardy souls have dared speak out, often enough and loud enough to slow down the mental health machine. Only a few days after the Hollywood telethon, two Southern California communities put on the brakes. The Wiseburn School District, in the Inglewood area, rejected participation in Los Angeles County's Mental Health Survey in

public schools. And the City of Long Beach postponed participation in the Mental Health Program for one year. A short time later, the *Los Angeles Examiner*, a Hearst newspaper, began publication of an exposé series of articles under the title of "Mental Health Confusion."

By November 24, 1958, there was so much public interest in the mental health controversy that a record turnout of more than 500 citizens attended a hearing before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The meeting was called to hear proponents and opponents of projected County participation in California's new mental health set-up under the Short-Doyle Act, which provides that State funds will match County expenditures for the establishment of mental health clinics.

Some opponents mentioned the possibility of subversive influences in such programs, but the majority of opposition spokesmen warned of high costs which the State could not afford in view of its recent record deficit.

Although the Los Angeles County Medical Association was on record in favor of the program, individual physicians opposed it on the grounds of lack of adequately trained personnel and the fear that costs might be far beyond anything anticipated. One Long Beach physician who opposed the scheme, said many other doctors did so privately, but were afraid to speak up because

of "subtle pressures" brought to bear on them within their association.

Despite warnings of serious financial involvement, in which the Supervisors' own Hospital Advisory Committee joined, the board voted three to two to implement the Short-Doyle program and appointed a committee to set it in motion.

WHAT ACTUALLY is behind the mental health propaganda with which Americans have been deluged?

Much of the "fearthought" has an ulterior Communist motive behind it. A very considerable amount of the concern about our declining mental health has been engendered by Kremlin agents for the purpose of demoralizing the American people and spreading defeatism. A part of Communist psychological warfare, it is deliberately calculated to render us ineffective and make us easier prey. The irony of it is that we, the intended victims, are the ones who are paying the bill for our own ultimate destruction!

That is a typical Communist technique devised by Lenin and Stalin. Their diabolically cunning program is being carried on in this country by highly trained and disciplined secret Soviet and American Communist agents. Through the "professional units" of the Communist conspiracy, Reds are funneled into the Social, Health and Welfare fields of our local, state and

national governments and institutions.

Many times thoughtless people have asked me, "But what possible harm can a Communist do in Social, Health and Welfare work?" Because of that naive attitude on the part of too many Americans, the scheming Reds have had a field day.

During the nine years that I posed as a Communist for our FBI, I learned that up to one-third of the members of the Communist Party's professional units were assigned to the all-important work of spreading confusion. The Reds have received valuable help from self-seekers, high-society do-gooders, intellectual day-dreamers, gold-brickers and political opportunists. Such people are helping to promote this almost overlooked but dangerous phase of the Kremlin's psychological warfare against us.

Their names and positions often lend respectability to the Reds' dirty work. It is the support of such people that helps further the Communist plot to destroy not only our mental health but our nation itself.

When I inquired recently why a certain person with a long Red-front record was employed in a high advisory capacity in a mental health program, I was told, "Oh, but he's been cleared!" Cleared of what? What are we expected to do—give a position of trust in a vital spot to everyone who has lent aid to the Red enemy?

Isn't it significant that some of

I - Mr. Farrow

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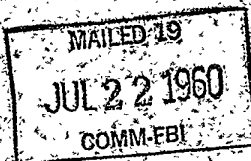
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DATE 11-22-85 BY SP2ma/ka

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated July 14, 1960, relating to the book, "The Big Decision," by Matthew Cvetic.

In response to your inquiry, you may be interested to know that Matthew Cvetic has no present connection with the FBI and has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau. He did furnish information, however, to the FBI on a confidential basis from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and was compensated for his services. This Bureau does not exercise any control over his current activities; therefore, I am sure you can understand and agree that the FBI cannot endorse or comment upon his book which was written subsequent to January, 1950.

Sincerely yours,



[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Washington Field (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE TO WASHINGTON FIELD. CONTINUED

Matthew Cvetic was a Bureau informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and since then has attempted to capitalize on his former relationship with the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has read "The Big Decision" by Matthew Cvetic and desires to know if this book "is a portrayal of facts or is it fiction." There is no indication that this book has been received or reviewed by the Bureau.

The book is of recent publication and we are taking steps to obtain a copy and review it. It is not believed desirable to advise correspondent whether or not the book has been reviewed.

WM. P. AMES, SR., PRESIDENT
MRS. EMILY LOUISE SHELTON, VICE PRES.



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July 14, 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 11-22-88 BY SP7mre/tuo

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read the book called, "The Big Decision" by
Matt Cvetic, and I am curious to know if this book is a
portrayal of facts or is it fiction.

Thanking you for your opinion in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. P. Ames, Jr.
W. P. Ames, Sr.
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Date: 6/23/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (140-1374)

SUBJECT:
General Attorney
Veterans Administration
Akron, Ohio
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~~Form 4-774~~

Re Cleveland airtel to Pittsburgh and Bureau, no cc Los Angeles, 6/17/60; Cleveland airtel to Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, and Bureau, 6/20/60, and Bulet to Pittsburgh captioned "MATTHEW CVETIC," 1/18/50.

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For information, Los Angeles Office, re Cleveland airtel dated 6/17/60 requested Pittsburgh Office to recontact MATTHEW CVETIC, if possible, for any personal knowledge and any additional information he may have re this matter, particularly whether , Barberton, Ohio," who was delegate from a Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU) Lodge to Second Congress of American Croatian Men and Women held in Cleveland, Ohio, on 4/19 - 20/47, under auspices of National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent, which organization is cited under E. O. 10450, is . or

On 6/20/60, Cleveland Office was apprised telephonically that MATTHEW CVETIC is now residing in Los Angeles, California, and in past, Bureau has seldom authorized recontact of CVETIC in matters such as involved here.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 100-372409) (MATTHEW CVETIC)
- 2 - Cleveland (RM)
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- 2 - Los Angeles (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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It is noted that reBulet states that no consideration is to be given to any possible future use of CVETIC by Bureau and that no further contacts with him are to be sought by Pittsburgh Office.

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Pittsburgh indices contain no references to [redacted] [redacted] or [redacted] and there is no indication that CVETIC knew [redacted] Barberton, Ohio," or would have any personal knowledge of him.

Pittsburgh files indicate that CVETIC's last address was P. O. Box 1618, Hollywood, California.

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Mr. Matthew Cvetic
Post Office Box 2789
Hollywood 28, California

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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP-MAK/SP

Dear Mr. Cvetic:

I have received your letter of July 18, 1960, and in response to your request, I am pleased to enclose a copy of the publication, "Communist Target - Youth," along with other material. I appreciate receiving your observations on the communist menace, and your generous remarks are most encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Party, USA (Ave Maria)
Expose of Soviet Espionage, May 1960
17th National Convention, CD, USA

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NOTE: Matthew Cvetic was a Bureau informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and since that time has attempted to capitalize on his former relationship with the Bureau.

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MATTHEW CVETIC
P. O. BOX 2789
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA

July 18, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover - Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate a copy of the Bureau's most recent booklets on the current Communist activities, especially the report dealing with the San Francisco riots.

I am happy to say that in the course of my work, I have noticed a considerable resurgence of interest on the part of the American people in the Communist menace. When I speak, I constantly remind my listeners that the greatest danger we face in this fight, stems from our apathy, complacency and ignorance.

May I express my appreciation for your constant vigilance and untiring fight against a Communist enemy who would destroy us all.

Cordially yours,

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Matthew Cvetic.

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Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
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Mr. McGuire ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
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Mr. W.C. Sullivan ✓
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Mr. Ingram ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Matthew Cvetic
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. J. A. SIZOO

DATE: July 21, 1960

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. J. D. DonohueSUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

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I talked with SAC Price, San Diego, on 7/21/60. He advised that he had been invited to attend a meeting of the Association of the U. S. Army, before which Matt Cvetic would speak on the subject of communism. The invitation came from an SAC contact.

I told Price that Cvetic had been a good informant, but had gone off base since he ceased being an informant - had fallen into unscrupulous hands and, although he appeared to have straightened himself out during recent years and had always taken a strong anticommunist line and given full credit to the Bureau for its anticommunist fight, it might be well not to attend such a function. I told Price that his attendance might be interpreted as backing of Cvetic or sponsoring of Cvetic, and that this was undesirable.

Price said he would be guided accordingly.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/22/60

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO

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DATE 11-22-81 BY SP7MAC/kySUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

While discussing other matters with the Bureau, on 7/21/60, I advised Assistant Director, AL BELMONT, that I was in receipt of an invitation from FRANK G. FORWARD, President, San Diego Chapter, Association of the U. S. Army, who is a SAC contact and an unusually cooperative aid to this office, inviting me to be his guest at the July 27, 1960, luncheon meeting of his group at the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego, California, at which time MATT CVETIC was to be the guest speaker. Pursuant to my request, Assistant Director BELMONT briefed me on the current situation concerning CVETIC, since this data is not reflected in the San Diego files. I advised Mr. BELMONT that I was informing Mr. FORWARD that because of prior official commitments, I would not be able to be his guest at this luncheon. Mr. FORWARD was so advised, and he stated that he wanted me to know that the Association of the U. S. Army includes some very outstanding citizens in its membership and that he wanted me to know that if at any time he individually, or his organization, could do anything to serve the Bureau, that he and his organization stood ready to do so.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 Attention: Assistant Director AL BELMONT

DATE: 8/1/60

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (80-0)

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
 Former Security Informant
 Public Speech, San Diego, California
 July 27, 1960

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 DATE 11-22-89 BY SP7MA/TJB

Re my telephone call to the Bureau 7/21/60,
 and San Diego letter to the Bureau 7/22/60.

MATT CVETIC made a public speech before the Association of the U. S. Army in the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego on July 27, 1960. His appearance received considerable press coverage in this area and representative clippings are enclosed for the Bureau's information.

RAY SURAN, former Agent now residing in San Diego, was in the audience. He subsequently reported to me that CVETIC was very high in his praise of the FBI and favorably pointed out the importance of fighting against communism. SURAN pointed out that CVETIC said nothing at all derogatory about the Bureau and probably made some outspoken statements which people affiliated with the Bureau would not be in a position to make. At the end of his speech he had a question and answer period and it was apparent that CVETIC had thought up some sharp answers. One question he was asked was, "Why doesn't the United States outlaw the Communist Party?" to which he answered, "They'd only change the name of the party". They asked CVETIC if Dr. LINUS C. PAULING, of the California Institute of Technology who is well known to the Bureau for his Communist Party front activities, was a member of the Communist Party and CVETIC's reply, was he did not know but he had certainly identified himself as being connected with 30 different front organizations.

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Former FBI Agent To Address Group

A former Federal Bureau of Investigation undercover agent, who fought the Communist Party for nine years from inside their party in the United States, will speak Wednesday at a meeting of the Association of the United States Army.



Matt Cvetic, author of "I Was A Communist for the FBI," will address the association at a noon luncheon in the Palm Room of the U.S. Grant Hotel. The public is invited, Frank Forward, association president said.

Cvetic infiltrated the Communist Party in 1941 at the request of the FBI, Forward said, and attended more than 3,000 meetings with Soviet agents, Soviet secret police and American Communists.

He reported regularly to the FBI.

He was not permitted to tell his family or friends of his role and his mother died in 1949 still believing her son had betrayed his country, Forward said.

Reservations for the meeting may be made before noon tomorrow with Gen. George Fisher, Room 618, San Diego Trust and Savings Building.

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Mass Killing Held Part Of Red Strategy

Communist Peril Persists In U.S., Ex-Agent Says

A former American counter-espionage warned yesterday that the Communists will employ "trickery, treachery and mass murder" to achieve their goal of world domination.

"The threat of communism in America is as real as ever," Matt Cvetic, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation undercover agent in the Communist Party, told a luncheon group. "But the Communists won't begin a war as long as we remain strong."

PARTY MEMBER

Cvetic, 51, addressed a group of 200 members and guests of the Association of the United States Army in the U.S. Grant Hotel.

For eight years—From 1943 to 1950—he was a member of the U.S. Communist Party, which he had joined at the request of the FBI. His dual role was revealed when he testified before a congressional committee investigating communism.

He described his undercover work as "dirty and dangerous," but said he was proud to have devoted those years to my country.

Cvetic said he worked into the higher echelons of the Communist Party structure and attended more than 3,000 meetings with Soviet agents and secret police. He reported regularly to the FBI.

LIQUIDATION PLAN

Cvetic declared that mass murder—liquidation, we called it—is a part of the Communists' long-range plan for controlling the world. He said he sat in on meetings in which this strategy was devised.

"If the Communists took over San Diego tomorrow morning," he said, "at least a third of the city's population would be murdered by nightfall."

Each would be given a trial lasting perhaps 10 seconds, ordered to dig his own grave, and shot down with machine gun fire, he said.

"This is what Khrushchev meant when he said, 'We will bury you,'" Cvetic said. "And I challenge him to deny it."

5-POINT PLAN

He said that, under Communist planning, clergymen would be "mutilated" and forced to march naked in public, key leaders in politics, government, education and similar fields would be killed and women would be forced into brothels maintained for Red soldiers.

To prevent this happening, he said, the United States must remain strong, militarily, economically and industrially. He outlined this five-point program for fighting the Communist menace:

1. Leaders of both political parties, he said, must adopt a firmer policy of dealing with international communism.

2. Laws should be enacted making the punishments for sabotage, espionage, conspiracy, treason and sedition as

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Mass Killing Held Part Of Red Plans

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stiff in peacetime as in war time.

3. The nation's youth must be better educated to the dangers of communism.

4. The number of congressional committees investigating Communist activities should be double or tripled.

5. The United States should maintain its stand against recognition of Red China.

STRENGTH STRESSED

On the last point, Cvetic declared:

"If we recognize Red China, the United States is through as a free nation."

Cvetic said the Communists will not use force to gain control of the world if they can avoid it.

"They are not a people unafraid to die as they would have us believe," he said. "As long as we remain strongest militarily, economically, industrially, they will not go to war."

EXCHANGES ASSAILED

He also criticized the idea of cultural exchanges with Russia and colleges which invite Communists to explain their ideologies in the name of the college programs, as of "academic freedom."

"This," he said referring to the college programs, "is a national disgrace."

He pointed to developments in Cuba and Tibet as examples of Red maneuvering. Anti-American agitation in Cuba, he said, is Soviet planned, he said, and recent mass mur-

ders in Tibet represent what would happen in the United States if the nation agreed to disarmament.

Cvetic said the nation will lose its fight against communism if it becomes apathetic and complacent. But communism can be controlled if the nation remains strong, he said.

"There no longer is any question that the Communists intend to control the world and that they will employ trickery, treachery, and murder to achieve it," Cvetic said.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1960

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Red Menace in Nation

American complacency may bring defeat in the fight against communism, Matt Cvetic, author of "I Was a Communist for the FBI," told nearly 300 persons at the U.S. Grant Hotel yesterday.

Cvetic, an undercover FBI agent who infiltrated Communist groups for nine years, said the war of ideologies is one to the death.

Speaks at Luncheon

"But do not be afraid that Russia will start a shooting war," he said. "The leaders of communism do not want to kill themselves."

Cvetic spoke at a luncheon

of the Association of the United States Army. Frank Forward, San Diego civic leader, was chairman.

Cvetic was asked by the FBI to be a Communist in 1941, but it was two years before the reds accepted him as one of them, he said.

Testified at Inquiry

Then he was disowned by his family and by the Roman Catholic church, his lifetime religion, and shunned by his friends.

He revealed himself as an FBI agent when testifying before a Congressional investigating committee in 1950.

"Among Communist goals was the conversion of U.S. youth to communism," he said. "One year we had 25,000 members on campuses throughout the country."

"Many times, in Communist councils, we outlined what we would do when we took over the United States. First we planned to 'liquidate' (the Communists are too polite to use rude words such as 'mass murder') a third of the U.S. population."

Victims Listed

"This would include everybody in big or small business, educators, clergymen, and

leaders of any political party. We planned to debase the clergy before we killed them."

When Khrushchev said, "I am going to bury you," he meant just that literally. That's what we planned to do. Hand each person an American-made shovel, and make him dig his own grave."

Firm Policy Urged

"Apathy and complacency are causing the U.S. to lose its first great fight against communism, and it's time to take it seriously."

"We must demand a policy of firmness in dealing with international communism, re-

ardless of party. Remember the Communist Party is always at war against all the free world.
"And if we ever recognize Red China, we are through as a nation."

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Ex-Agent to Reveal Details of Red Fight

A former Federal Bureau of Investigation undercover agent, who joined the Communist Party to report their activities, will address a luncheon sponsored by the Association of the United States Army tomorrow in the U.S. Grant Hotel.

He is Matt Cvetic, author of a magazine series, "I Was a Communist for the FBI." His recent book, "The Big Decision," tells about Communist activities in this country.

Attended 3,000 Meetings

Cvetic infiltrated the Communist Party in 1941 at the request of the FBI and in nine years attended more than 3,000 meetings with Soviet agents and secret police and American Communists.

Association president Frank Howard said the luncheon will be open to the public.

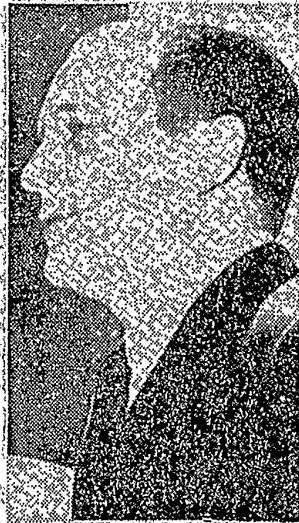
Public Invited

The association is trying to get speakers who will alert the public to the Communist danger within the United States. Forward said, "We've heard much about the danger outside, but we need to know more about the danger in our own house."

In Matt Cvetic, I think we've got just the man to tell us.

He urged the public to attend.

Forward said Cvetic was not permitted to tell his family or friends of his FBI role, and his mother died in Octo-



MATT CVETIC
Foe of Communists

ber, 1949, believing her son was a Communist.

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**Ex-Undercover Agent
To Speak On Work**

Matt Cvetic, author of "I Was a Communist for the FBI," will speak at an Association of the United States Army luncheon today in the Palm Room of the U.S. Grant Hotel.

The public is invited to hear Cvetic, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation undercover agent who infiltrated the Communist Party in 1941. For nine years he attended more than 3,000 meetings with Soviet agents, Soviet secret police and American Communists. He reported regularly to the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *amb*

DATE: August 31, 1960

FROM : Mr. Baumgardner *PMB/mtt*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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- 1 - Central Research
- 1 - Mr. Rose

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Cvetic has recently published a book, "The Big Decision." It is a pocket edition glorifying Cvetic as a Bureau informant in 216 pages and is listed to sell for one dollar. Names of characters are fictitious, it comments favorably of the Bureau, and makes no disclosure of investigative techniques or current informants. The title is derived from Cvetic's decision to become, and continue as, a Bureau informant. The book in its entirety dramatizes Cvetic as an unsung hero who "gave his all," losing the respect, love, and admiration of his immediate family and friends to protect the United States from the scourge of communism. In climax, public disclosure is made of his informant status through his testimony as a Government witness, and he is received with open arms by his family and friends.

Referral/Consult

Cvetic was utilized as a paid security informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950, during which time he joined the Communist Party and developed and furnished voluminous information. Unwarranted disclosure of his informant status and repeated unreasonable demands for more money necessitated his discontinuance as an informant on 1-23-50, and he was made available to the [redacted]

He has made his livelihood as a professional witness, speaker, and writer, and this book is a further attempt on his part to capitalize on his former relationship with the Bureau.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH INFORMANT C 113
100-372409

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) This memorandum and attached book "The Big Decision" be routed to Central Research for information purposes.

(2) Thereafter, it is recommended this book be forwarded to the Bureau library for retention therein.

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*Book detached and filed
in Bureau Library
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 9/30/60

FROM : SAC PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and for Los Angeles one autostat of a four page pamphlet advertising the sale of CVETIC's book entitled "The Big Decision." The pamphlet sets forth that orders may be sent to the following address: The Big Decision, Post Office Box 2789, Hollywood 28, California.

The above pamphlet was received by SA JOHN R. MITCHELL from

on 9/28/60.

Referral/Consult

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office inasmuch as CVETIC presently resides within the territory covered by Los Angeles.

- ② - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
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Original of pamphlet "The Big Decision"

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THE BIG DECISION

Read Matt Cvetic's "Big Decision". Let your family read it! The heartbreaking true story of Red treachery in America.

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Matt Cvetic, former F.B.I. counterspy, posed for nine years as a Communist.

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Learn from Matt Cvetic's first-hand experiences how the Red conspirators are plotting to enslave you!

\$1.00 Per Copy

SEND YOUR ORDER TO:

BIG DECISION
P. O. BOX 2789
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIF.



Please ship _____ copies of "THE BIG DECISION" @ \$1.00 per copy.
Check, Money Order or Cash enclosed.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Rec'd. from Paul Baneon, MMS, Rgh - 9/23/60 -

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... and please God, keep America Safe and Free
for Mommie and Daddy and Sissie and me.

Do You Know . . .

The Communists are out to destroy
Freedom of Press, Speech and Religion
by gaining control of the minds of your
children?

Do You Know . . .

That they are working stealthily
day and night to accomplish this in-
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—●—

Don't doom your loved ones to Soviet slavery because
YOU gave away their freedom by default!

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Acquaint yourself—and your children, "The Leaders of
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Greenwood, Mississippi

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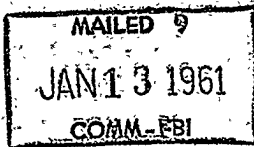
Your letter dated January 3, 1961, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that Matthew Cvetic assisted this Bureau by furnishing information from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time was compensated for such information. He was not, however, an employee of the FBI. With reference to the addresses Mr. Cvetic is making, these are personal ventures of his own and the FBI is not, in any way, in a position to comment relative to his statements.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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GREENWOOD, MISS.
January 3, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly write me a few lines verifying the fact that Mat Cvetic did work with the Bureau as a counterspy and that the things stated by him in his speeches are true.

On two different occasions people have said to me "I wouldn't believe that" referring to things he stated in a recent speech.

Thank you for your kindness and cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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SAC, Los Angeles

November 7, 1960

Director, FBI

**CRUSADE FOR GOD AND FREEDOM
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)**

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There are attached self-explanatory letters and other propaganda sheets concerning captioned organization and Freedom Riders - 1960 Pony Express which is being sponsored by Crusade for God and Freedom. You will note that on the letterhead of Crusade for God and Freedom Matt Cvetic is listed as a sponsor and described as "Counterspy, Author, Former F.B.I. Agent." On the brochure entitled "Suggestions for Community Committee to Welcome Freedom Riders of 1960 Pony Express," suggestion number eight states, "Plans for this celebration have been cleared with the Police Department, U.S. Secret Service, F.B.I., and Postal authorities in Los Angeles area. However, it would be wise to seek cooperation of these same government agencies in your city."

You should contact [] and advise him that Matt Cvetic was never an FBI Agent and that the FBI does not clear individuals or organizations. He should be requested to delete these references from any future material published by the organization.

While Crusade for God and Freedom and their sponsored Freedom Riders - 1960 Pony Express are probably very worthwhile and patriotic ventures, there is also the possibility that there will be some commercialism attached to it. Please advise full details as to the organization, financial backing, etc., of Crusade for God and Freedom and Freedom Riders - 1960 Pony Express. You should conduct this inquiry in a most discreet manner so the impression will not be left that the FBI is conducting an investigation concerning the organization.

Submit results of your inquiry captioned as above to reach the Bureau no later than November 16, 1960.

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Follow-up made for 11-16-60

1 - Mr. DeLoach (Sent separately)

NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo dated 11-3-60 captioned "Crusade for God And Freedom."

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Provo, South Dakota

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 28, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any publication, individual or organization. Information in our files, furthermore, is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Matthew Cvetic was an informant of the FBI from February, 1943, to January, 1950, during which time he joined the Communist Party and was remunerated by this Bureau for information he voluntarily furnished. He was never a Special Agent of the FBI. Since any opinions and comments that Mr. Cvetic might make in connection with his books or lectures currently, are strictly his own and do not represent the FBI in any manner, I am unable to answer your inquiry.

Enclosed is material available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. "The Big Decision" is a pocket edition book by Cvetic which was reviewed by the Bureau in August of 1960. The names of characters in it are fictitious, it comments favorably upon the Bureau, and the book makes no disclosure of investigative techniques or current informants. The book does, however, in its entirety dramatize Cvetic as an unsung hero who "gave his all" to protect the United States from communism. Unwarranted disclosure of his informant status and repeated unreasonable demands for money necessitated his discontinuance as an informant in January, 1950. He has made his livelihood since that time as a professional witness, speaker and writer, and the book, "The Big Decision" is a further attempt on his part to capitalize on his former relationship with the Bureau.

ENCLOSURES:

God & Country or Communism

Director's Speech 10-18-60

L. E. B. Intro, 3-60, Analysis of 17th Nat'l Conv of C. P. U S A

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Communist Target - Youth

Expose of Soviet Espionage

TRUE COPY

Provo, So. Dak.
Feb. 28, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir: --

I would like to know if the information in the
book "~~The Big Decision~~" the story of Matt Cvetic is true.

I will greatly appreciate a reply.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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of Matt Cretin is true.

I will greatly appreciate a reply.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



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CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Kitchens

SAC, Los Angeles

March 8, 1961

Director, FBI (65-32550)

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SECURITY MATTER - C.

Re Pittsburgh airtel 2/28/61.

Bureau does not desire Matthew Cvetic to be contacted in this matter. Information concerning Cvetic will be furnished to the Department of Defense by the Bureau.

2 - Pittsburgh (100-14516)
2 - New York (100-7444)

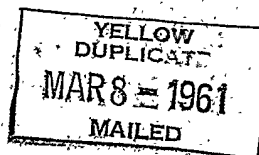
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Subject not in Security Index. He is a [redacted] and the Office of Industrial Personnel Access Authorization Review requested identity of large number of informants since it is in process of screening [redacted]. One of informants requested is Matthew Cvetic, who was a paid informant from 1943 to 1950. He was discontinued as informant because of excessive use of intoxicants, and since he revealed his informant relationship to unauthorized persons. He has lectured and written extensively about his activities as "FBI counterspy." Cvetic not being contacted since he might attempt to use the contact by Bureau Agents as showing an indorsement of his present activities.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-32550)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-14516)
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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 2/24/61.

For information of the New York Office, C-113 of Pittsburgh is MATTHEW CVETIC (publicly disclosed), a former member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania who regularly furnished information to the FBI during the period from 1942 to 1/50.

CVETIC is not contacted without prior Bureau authority and Pittsburgh is not cognizant of the Bureau's wishes concerning his availability as a witness for other agencies at the present time. CVETIC's last known address is listed in Pittsburgh files as P. O. Box 1618, Hollywood 28, California, and for this reason a copy of this communication is being directed to the Los Angeles Office for information.

Bureau requested to advise New York and Los Angeles re its desires concerning CVETIC as pertaining to this matter.

In view of above, no letterhead memorandum is being submitted by the Pittsburgh Office.

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- 1- Los Angeles (RM) (Info)
- 1- New York (RM) (Info)
- 2- Pittsburgh
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 27, 1961

The attached was sent to the
Director from The Big Decision,
P.O. Box 2789, Hollywood 28, Calif.

Attachment
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Matthew Cvetich

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Evans ✓
Mr. Malone ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Jones ✓
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Miss Gandy ✓

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The story of
MATT CVETIC, *Counterspy*

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per copy.

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MILLIONS HAVE BEEN SHOCKED BY THIS EXPOSE OF RED INFILTRATION INTO OUR CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, TRADE UNIONS, GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER SEGMENTS OF OUR SOCIETY.

READ THIS SHOCKING STORY. SEE THAT OTHERS READ IT.

BUY 10, 25 OR EVEN 100 COPIES AND HAND THEM TO NEIGHBORS, BUSINESS LEADERS, STUDENTS, FARMERS, UNION MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES.

LET THEM LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT THE COMMUNIST PLOT TO MURDER OR ENSLAVE THEM ALL!

Please ship _____ copies of "THE BIG DECISION" @ \$1.00 per copy.
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INTERVIEW WITH MATT CVETIC FOCUSES SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNISTIC ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

By Ellen Haldeman

For nine years Matt Cvetic was a counterspy for the FBI. He was ordered to become a member of the Communist Party and to work up in the ranks.

For the frightening, grueling years that he gave every bit of strength of body and will to the party and reported every move to the FBI, he could tell no one but his priest. His wife left him. His twin sons turned their backs on him in shame. His brothers beat him up in revulsion of his Communist activities. He was despised by all he loved. He raced with time in the hopes of testifying and exonerating himself before the death of his parents, but his beloved mother died thinking her son was a traitor.

No man could hate the Communists with more passion, for no one has worked closer with them. He rose to a ranking party member and carried out acts of espionage—reporting all to the Bureau, but unable to be protected by them at any time. (The FBI is not permitted to protect; they only investigate.)

His story is recorded in "The Big Decision," which has been a popular book, screenplay and TV series.

Mr. Cvetic lectured at the Mira Mar Hotel in Santa Barbara Thursday along with Billy James Hargis of the Christian Crusade. The following interview was made at this time:

Ellen Haldeman: Mr. Cvetic, there are several issues receiving considerable controversy at the present time, and I should like to ask your opinion on some of these issues.

As a former counter-agent for the FBI and as a man who camped, worked and posed as a top ranking Communist, can you tell us why the Communist is so opposed to the House Un-American Activities Committee?

Mr. Cvetic: Yes. One of the reasons that the Communists would like to abolish this committee is that it exposes the Communist front organizations and exposes Communist membership. The Communist Party, like any other conspiracy or confidence scheme, cannot stand the light of day or exposure and it is for this reason that they are anxious for complete abolition of the committee. Unfortunately, the Communists have been able to dupe many liberals, pseudo-liberals and many do-gooders in the joint effort toward the abolition of the Committee.

One answer to this, of course, is to unite the Mr. Average Americans who want no part of Communism to join a program to support with letters and his voice, not only the House on Un-American Activities Committee, but also the Senate Internal Security Committee and the FBI. These are vital and necessary agents of the government.

Mrs. Haldeman: It concerns me, Mr. Cvetic, that there are 25,000 known Communist agents working in the United States, not to men-

tion those who are undercover, sympathizers, etc. This figure compared to the 7,000 FBI agents in the U.S. appears out of balance. Should the Bureau, in your opinion, be enlarged?

Mr. Cvetic: I feel that Americans should write to the President of the United States and demand that this body be expanded. Actually, I believe it should be tripled in number and it should be given more money so that the Bureau's activity, especially in the field of subversion may be expanded. This is also true of the Congressional Committee.

The answer to the Communists and their sympathizers is not only for these committees to continue but the fight to see that their activities be expanded. This includes the HUAC and the Senate Committee for Internal Security. We are in a position now where this action is vital. Frankly, I would rather see the billion dollars we gave to Tito, who is a Communist agent, be given to the security agencies to be spent for security in our own country.

Mrs. Haldeman: There seems to be a new type of name-calling in our society that disturbs me, Mr. Cvetic. Some of our ardent anti-Communists in the community, members of groups as well as private individuals are being labeled "hysterical" and "fascist."

Mr. Cvetic: Yes. I know this. One of the Communist's pet gimmicks is to label anyone who fights Communism a "Fascist," or even worse. But I think it is time to call "time" on this situation.

For instance, someone asked me tonight what I thought about the John Birch Society, which is a patriotic organization educating the American people about the conspiratorial strategy and tactics of the Communists and giving Americans a fighting chance to learn before it is too late.

Many pseudo-intellectuals and self-styled liberals and self-appointed authorities are starting to call this organization a group of "Fascists." I would suggest that the members of the John Birch Society answer any open accusations of this type by a suit for libel. The John Birch Society, Mr. Robert Welch and all the members of this organiza-

tion I have met are all interested in only one thing and that is preserving the constitutional rights of every American which guarantee freedom of speech, press and religion.

Mrs. Haldeman: Do you feel that it is dangerous for our universities to invite speakers to the campus who have backgrounds of Communist front organizations? I refer in this instance to Dr. Linus Pauling, who according to Congressional hearings, is one of many men in the United States who have sponsored more front organizations for Communism than any others.

Mr. Cvetic: Well, I believe, if we do our job right, and that includes meetings like this one held tonight at the Mira Mar Hotel (attended by nearly 800 people) that we can help to educate the student. Also meetings and study groups, such as those formed by the individuals and also the John Birch Society and others that reach out to get the message to the student. Next we should expose Linus Pauling's Communist front organizations and point out that this man does not speak for the average American, that he only speaks for himself. Once the student understands Communism, he will be able to challenge Linus Pauling. Citizens who value their freedom should attend these lectures and question such persons as Pauling on some of the positions he takes, because he is unable to back them up with any authority.

Mrs. Haldeman: While you were posing as a fed agent, were you aware of a Communist movement to infiltrate our churches?

Mr. Cvetic: Very definitely. When posing as a Communist for the FBI, I was, for a while, a member of a Clerical Commission of the Communist Party. This was a commission composed of Communist agents posing as clergymen and of lay red agents (like myself). In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, alone, this commission was composed of a dozen persons. Our job was to infiltrate the churches of all faiths. As a matter of fact, I was once assigned to infiltrate a church. Once I got into the membership of the church, I was to get a place on a church committee so that I could carry on party work on that church committee.

It is a tragedy that some of our church bodies are trying to cover this over and bury it. The truth is that the Communists have infiltrated our churches on an extremely high level, and that many ministers have fronted for Communist causes and this has aided the Communist Party. I have pointed out time and again that the lay members of the church should call some of their leaders to account for fronting for Communist causes and defending the Communist line.

Mrs. Haldeman: Will you comment please on some of the decisions which have been handed down by the United States Supreme Court in regard to conviction of Communists?

Mr. Cvetic: Some of these decisions have practically negated any laws that we have to protect our country against conspiracy and sedition, and, therefore, I suggest that we write to our Congressmen and Senators and demand that they pass laws to protect our nation against the crimes of sedition, conspiracy, treason and sabotage in peacetime as well as in time of war. The punishment for these crimes should be made commensurate with the crime. If we suddenly had an open war, it would be too late. We must catch the culprits in peacetime to avoid a disastrous war which could destroy us. Therefore, we should call on our Congressman and demand from them adequate laws.

Mrs. Haldeman: Would you please answer a personal question for me, Mr. Cvetic. You have worked closely with the Communists. Does it seem possible to you that they would lower themselves to the tactics of anonymous calls, personal threats, egg throwing, etc., in an effort to discourage such a column as I am in engaged in writing?

Mr. Cvetic: Would they lower themselves to such tactics! Why, since I have been out of the party they have even tried to do away with me. The Communists cannot stand any kind of work that exposes their conspiratorial aims. For example, there were a couple of Communists at this meeting here tonight (Miramar), you know. They come and listen but they are not brave. That is why they sharp shoot, stab in the back. Don't let anything the Communists do or say or what any of the apologists for the party do, stop you from your work. You are not hysterical. We are only 42 years too late in getting the message to the people as to the truth of Communism.

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PLEASE READ THIS AND PASS IT ON.

MATTHEW CVETIC
P. O. Box 2789
Hollywood 28, Calif.

HELP US TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM

March 15, 1961

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PERSONAL

Los Angeles Evening Herald Express
Post Office Box 2416, Terminal Annex
Los Angeles 54, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 4, 1961, with enclosures, has been received. It was kind of you to furnish this material, and I was interested in your impressions of Mr. Cvetic's book.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to you for having been selected to receive awards from the Freedoms Foundation and the Interfraternity Alumni Association of Southern California. These are well-deserved tributes to your achievements, and are illustrative of the high esteem in which you are held by your associates.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover,

1 - Los Angeles

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NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents' List. The enclosed newspaper clippings contain his views of Matt Cvetic's (former Bureau security informant) book "The Big Decision;" and articles announcing the awards which are referred to in our outgoing.

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Herald Express
Los Angeles, California
March 4, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Thought this book review of Matt
Cvetic's "Big Decision" might be
of interest to you.

With continuing regards,
I remain

Sincerely,

/s/

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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George Todt's Opinion

"And if we have faith in God . . . and have faith in our nation, we may rest assured that the Red flag of Soviet slavery will never replace our own Red, White and Blue of Freedom!"—MATT CVETIC, The Big Decision.

For a real insight into the workings of the Communist spy apparatus inside the United States as seen by an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation—read Matt Cvetic's fine book, "The Big Decision."



Matt did a fine job for the FBI and lives here in Los Angeles. Not long ago I met him at a lecture by Cleon Skousen, one of the nation's greatest authorities on the Red menace. He was accompanied by a beautiful young woman, his fiancée. He told me they were planning to get married soon, and I wished them well. Matt deserves the thanks of a grateful nation for his work.

It is tough to play the role of a counterspy. Most of all when one has to pose as an atheist, America-hating Communist. The people you most want to like you turn thumbs down when they suspect what you are trying to portray. Who can respect a liar, a cheat, a turncoat? A person who is disloyal to their own country at the behest of enemy alien fifth columnists? How is it possible for these traitorous and treacherous Reds even to like themselves?

They're Selfish . . .

Only an insane lust for personal power based on greed and selfishness can account for the psychopathic actions of the international Communist conspiracy—here or abroad!

In one way we ought to feel sorry for such demented beings, immersed as they are in their cult of massive murder and Luciferian wickedness. No wonder they prefer to believe there is no God. What kind of niche would be assigned to such blasphemers in any spiritual hereafter in which God was dominant? Sour grapes!

Here is one passage from Matt's remarkable account of his difficult life as a sort

and its stooges here in the United States.

The reason I consider it worth the price of admission almost by itself is because it provides an insight into what the Reds have planned for our businessmen in the event of their takeover (Heaven forbid!) of our country.

Sorry to have to report this to my readers, but I class businessmen as the most apathetic class in America when it comes to getting off the dime and doing something constructive about the menace which stares them in the face. Perhaps it is because they are making more money than ever before. It is hard to convince businessmen of danger when they are making money. Not all, but most!

With an Aim . . .

Let's hear now from Matt Cvetic about Red plans:

" . . . Following these vituperative criticisms, one of the Soviet agents got up and gave us a report on our future tasks in the United States. He emphasized the need for all-out propagandizing of the 'coexistence with capitalists' line—so that much-needed trade (with the USSR) could be brought about!

"Our job was to get the propaganda machines rolling in the United States, stressing the profits the American capitalists could expect by selling machinery, machine tools and equipment—along with other needed materials!—to the Soviet Union and her satellites.

"The comrade who made the report further stated that such trade with the greedy capitalists was necessary to our overall plans for the world revolution . . ."

Now Hear This . . .

As to the intended fate of businessmen and their women folks, now hear this:

" . . . Usually when these 'social' events were over, we 'comrades' would sit around entertaining each other with ribald stories of 'how we were going to deal

got through entertaining!—whenever we took over the United States.

"Most of these stories were lurid and sadistic tales of how we were going to torture or dismember, hang or shoot these 'gullible Americans' when the time came.

About Their Game!

"As for the American women, the Reds' plan for them is so unfit for print that I can't deal with it here—nor will you find it in any other respectable publication.

"One of the standing macabre jokes in Communist Party circles is how the Reds are going to let the 'greedy capitalists' dig their own graves. Then when they dig them wide and deep enough, the Reds plan to shoot them down and push them in. And, after giving a fast coup-de-grace to the ones who are still wiggling—bury those capitalistic pigs! With their own shovels. In their self-made graves!"

In the face of such a murderous threat to themselves personally, one wonders why the business fraternity in the main is so apathetic to the Communist threat at home and abroad?

Who can afford to let it happen here?

WORD-A-DAY

By BACH



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Los Angeles, Calif.
Feb. 27, 1961

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI

Date: 3/17/61

From: SAC, Salt Lake City (b7D

Subject: MATT CVETIC
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Bufile # 100-372409

Due to the opening of the Las Vegas Office, the following changes in the above case have been made:

A. Location of File

- (xx) Entire file sent to Las Vegas herewith.
- () File sent to Las Vegas, except one copy of the following serials.
- () File retained in Salt Lake City but one copy of following serials sent to Las Vegas.

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- () Other office as shown in file

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/28/61

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53044)

✓ SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

For the information of the Bureau, there are attached hereto two documents forwarded to the Los Angeles Office by CVETIC; one entitled "Announcing the Third Printing of The Big Decision", the other entitled "10th in Series, Interview with MATT CVETIC Focuses Spotlight on Communistic Activities Throughout Country."

The above is for the information of the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 4/17/61

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Security Informant

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Enclosed for the Bureau is an original leaflet captioned "Announcing the Third Printing of the Big Decision." It is noted that "The Big Decision" is the title of CVETIC's book. Said leaflet was forwarded to the Pittsburgh Office by CVETIC as an enclosure with letter dated 3/25/61, in which letter CVETIC stated that they were on their 50,000th copy of "The Big Decision" and going stronger than ever.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau as matter of information.

2 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
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REGISTERED MAIL
ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (1)
100-372409
PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

1. Leaflet captioned "Announcing the
Third Printing of the Big Decision"

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 11, 1961

PAMPHLET
The attached was sent to the
Director from ~~The~~ Big Decision,
Hollywood, California.

Attachment
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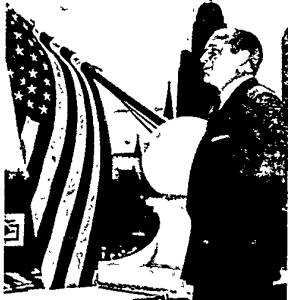
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2 ENCLOSURE

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by Matt Cvetc

(For 9 years a Communist for the F.B.I.)

COMMUNISTS

IN OUR

CHURCHES

In this article, let me answer once and for all the question of whether or not there are Communists in our churches and church organizations.

I find it difficult to understand why some of our clergy refuse to recognize the facts about Red infiltration into our church groups, when they are so blatantly evident. How any clergyman, or for that matter, any believer in God, can front for Red causes in the face of the murderous history of Communism, is also something that staggers the imagination.

Both Marx and Lenin considered religion their prime enemy, therefore the prime target for destruction. "Religion", they both taught, "is an opiate for the ignorant masses — it must be destroyed."

With this destructive thesis of the Reds on religion, how can any believer in the Supreme Being blind himself to the realities of Communism by joining Communist fronts, or by defending Communists in their evil conspiracy, when by so doing, he is contributing to his own murder? So-called "intellectuals," especially in the fields of religion and education, would do well to learn from history, which records that in every nation which was lost to Communism, most of the "intellectuals," even those who were in the forefront aiding, abetting and defending the Red cause, were murdered, thrown into political prisons, or sent to slave camps.

Are the Reds infiltrating the churches in the United States? Of course they are — and in many cases with the help of the very clergy who would be tortured and murdered if the Reds took over.

As an example of Communist church infiltration, let me recall a Red meeting which I attended in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the Fall of 1949. At this meeting, Steve Nelson, a top Red agent, read a report from Joseph Stalin, the leader of International Communism at that time. In this report, Stalin laid out plans for the mass murder of twenty million people in China to solidify Red control of that country. This Kremlin report, and the ensuing discussion, also outlined plans for the murder of additional thousands in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Where did the Communists plot this mass murder of millions? Was it in some deserted cellar, or some far-away secret hide-out? — No, the Kremlin plot was revealed in a most respectable place — the meeting room of one of the largest churches in the northside section of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — and with the permission and full knowledge of the pastor!

Many American clergy and church laymen are not aware

that the Reds have a well worked-out plan for the infiltration of our churches and church organizations.

This infiltration is planned by a secret group of high level Red agents, labeled the "Clergical Commission of the Communist Party." This Red "Commission" is composed of Soviet agents and American Reds, posing as ministers, preachers and priests, who have fallen away from the church and joined the Communist Party, and lay Red agents. How do I know about the existence of this Red Clergical Commission? I have reason to know only too well, because in 1945, while posing as a Communist for the F.B.I., I was a member of this Red Commission. In the Pittsburgh district alone, this commission consisted of 12 well-trained Red agents. Similar Red commissions with orders to infiltrate and use the churches and church bodies exist in every section of the United States.

It might be apropos to point out that at this very moment, Red agents are well-entrenched in key positions of some of our national church bodies. There, under the cover of respectability, they are zealously carrying on their Communist work, often aided and abetted by the very churches and church groups they are plotting to destroy.

"What about Red China?," I am often asked, "If we would recognize Red China we could send over our missionaries. We can't ignore 600,000,000 Chinese people." My answer to those who would play into the Red hands by recognizing Red China as a "spiritual must," can be given by posing this question: "How many missionaries have we been permitted to send to Soviet Russia since we so foolishly recognized that Godless Red government in 1933?" The answer, of course, is *none*. If we recognize Red China, we may be assured that the Red tyrants will never permit us to preach our Gospel, which the Reds are sworn to destroy.

It is true the Reds in Russia permit a small percentage of the churches and synagogues to function, about 2 or 3% of the number in existence prior to the red take-over in that nation. However, this small exercise of Religion is permitted by the Reds in Russia solely to mislead visitors from free countries. The Reds' plot calls for the ultimate destruction of all religion, including this 2 or 3%, when they find it no longer necessary to permit some display of religion behind which to hide their ulterior motives.

For a more recent picture of "Freedom of Religion" Communist style, let us take a look at poor Tibet. Since the Reds have stolen this little country, the Tibetan monks have been publicly tortured and murdered or imprisoned. The Tibetan nuns have been sent into brothels for the Red soldiers, and the children of Tibet have been taught to spy on their parents, brothers and sisters, and report any spark of opposition to the Red tyrants.

If the Reds ever take over in our free nation, we may be certain that their plan for religion is the same as it is for Russia, Red China and Tibet. I personally sat in secret Red meetings where plans for the torture and murder of the American clergy were discussed.

What is our answer to the Communists and their sympathizers? We must brook no compromise with the Reds, or with those who aid and abet them in any way. Jesus Christ sounded the warning in these words: "A man cannot serve both God and mammon." Yes, it is time that the flock calls on the Red-fronting ministers to answer for their betrayal of God, by espousing Communism and Communist causes. "No man can serve two masters," adds Jesus Christ.

We must open our eyes and speak out against the godless Red tyranny. Let us rid ourselves of these "wolves in sheep's clothing" who, while hiding behind the holy cloth and the respectability of the Church, are carrying on their un-Godly and devilish work to destroy us.

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EX 101

REC-9

May 29, 1961

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Agra, Kansas

Dear [redacted]

I have received your cordial letter of May 19 and certainly appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

It was kind of you to afford me the benefit of your comments and observations relative to the matters you discussed in your letter.

Please accept my thanks for your generous remarks and prayers. It is my hope that our future endeavors will continue to merit the support and approval of you and your husband.

In view of your interest I am enclosing some material dealing with the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
4-1-61 LEB Intro
One Nation's Response to Communism
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing identifiable with [redacted]

of Agra, Kansas. Correspondent mentions having heard Matt Cvetic speak and commend the Director. Matthew Cvetic assisted the Bureau by furnishing information from 2-43 until 1-50 during which time he was compensated for such information. Unwarranted disclosure of his informant status and repeated unreasonable demands for more money necessitated a discontinuance as an informant on 1-23-50, and he was made available to immigration and naturalization service as a possible witness. He makes his livelihood as a speaker and writer capitalizing on his former relations with the Bureau.

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Agra, Kansas
May 19, 1961

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP-100/100

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For many weeks we've been intending to
write you a letter of appreciation for your many years of
splendid service to the American people.

You've done an outstanding service, Mr. Hoover
and as I heard Matt Cvetic say last August in Tulsa Oklahoma
at the Christian Crusade Convention "One of the greatest Americans
today is J. Edgar Hoover"

How can we say more than a great big "thank you"
from the bottoms of our hearts for your tireless labor and your
vigilance in protecting the citizens of our country from the
deadly foe from within?

Also with Matt Cvetic, we say, "Thank You, God, for
J. Edgar Hoover."

With kindest regards and greatest appreciation

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/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Agra, Kansas

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

Agra, Kansas
May 19, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

11-22-89 SP2MACHES

For many weeks we've been intending to write you a letter of appreciation for your many years of splendid service to the American people. You've done an outstanding service, Mr. Hoover and as I heard Matt Coetic say last August in Tulsa Oklahoma, at the Christian Crusade Convention "One of the greatest Americans today is J. Edgar Hoover."

How can we say more than a great big "Thank you" from the bottom of our hearts for your tireless labor and ~~your vigilance~~ ^{your vigilance} protecting the citizens of our country from the deadly foe from within?

Also with Matt Coetic, we say, "Thank You, God, for J. Edgar Hoover."

With kindest regards and greatest appreciation

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Callahan	
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1 - Mr. Donohue
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1 - Mr. Kitchens

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BY LIAISON

Date: April 14, 1961

To: Mr. Herbert Lewis,
Director
Industrial Personnel Access
Authorization Review Division
office of the Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: DAVID KARR
SECURITY MATTER - C

5/14/81
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Reason FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
Date of Review 5/14/91

Reference is made to my letter dated February 14, 1961, concerning Karr.

Enclosed herewith is one copy each of a report dated March 30, 1961, and memoranda dated March 31, 1961; March 30, 1961; March 22, 1961; and March 15, 1961.

T-1 in the report dated April 13, 1943, is [redacted] who is deceased. Sworn testimony by Rushmore before a Senate subcommittee concerning the subject is set forth in New York report dated January 3, 1951. b7D

T-3 in the report dated January 7, 1951, is Matthew Cvetic, who furnished information to this Bureau from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and was compensated for his information. He was discontinued as an informant because of excessive use of intoxicants and because he revealed his relationship with the FBI to unauthorized persons. His address in July, 1960, was Post Office Box 2739, Hollywood 23, California. For your information, the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses, Department of Justice, in February, 1957, disapproved the use of Cvetic as a witness in Government prosecutions.

1 - New York (100-7444)

1 - 100-372409 (Matthew Cvetic)

1 - [redacted]

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[redacted]
T-4 in the report dated January 8, 1951; T-4 in the report dated April 13, 1943; and T-3 and T-5 in the report dated June 25, 1942, are identical with [redacted] New York City. For your information, T-1 in the report dated June 15, 1960, is also identical with [redacted]

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[redacted] furnished information to this Bureau from September, 1936, until March 31, 1943, when his services were discontinued because of his unreliability. He was compensated for the information furnished by him during that time. He has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past. He was employed by the Army in Europe following World War II., and was discharged for making unauthorized arrests.

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When contacted on March 13, 1961, [redacted] stated that he was, at that time, a [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] indicated that he had no objection to being contacted by a representative of the Department of Defense in connection with this matter.

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T-5 in the report dated April 6, 1960, is identical with [redacted] Information concerning [redacted] was furnished to the Office of Special Investigations by letters dated July 19, 1960, and October 21, 1960.

The identities of the remaining informants cannot be disclosed.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Subject not in Security Index. He is a [redacted] and the Office of Industrial Personnel Access Authorization Review is in [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED:

process of screening him for access to classified information. Karr is former leg man for Drew Pearson, and has been controversial figure for many years because of alleged CP or Young Communist League membership in 1938 and 1939. Charges aired publicly by Westbrook Pegler, Senator McCarthy and Congressman Dies. Karr admits stories by him published in "Daily Worker" during late 1930s. Extensive investigation in 1960 re Fraud Against the Government failed to turn up witnesses. USI furnished pertinent information.

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Defense requested identity of 39 informants in 9 reports (34 separate informants). Identities of [redacted] (former [redacted]); Civil Service Commission; [redacted] (former [redacted]); [redacted] (former [redacted]); [redacted] (former "Daily Worker" official who is deceased); [redacted] who resides in [redacted] (former informant [redacted]) who was discontinued for double-dealing in furnishing information to other agencies; and Matthew Cvetic, who has capitalized on Bureau relationship since discontinued for above reasons, are being furnished to [redacted]. Information showing unreliability of [redacted] and Cvetic set forth. (U)

Following informants not being made available:

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New York report 1/8/51: T-8, [redacted]

T-9, [redacted]

Report dated 1/7/51: T-4 is former [redacted] deceased, who was established businessman in San Francisco and was not paid for services. T-5 is [redacted]

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[redacted] and obtained information from [redacted] T-2 and T-6 are surveillances by former Special Agents. Logs contain information concerning confidential investigative techniques.

Report dated 6/26/42: T-1 is Walter Winchell, who made available a self-serving statement dated 11/29/40 by Karr captioned "Confession to Being an American." Original statement returned to Winchell. Report states Karr furnished statement to Winchell.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: (CONTINUED)

Report 6/25/42: T-1, [REDACTED], Brooklyn, New York, is a neighbor who could not be located, and information was generally nonspecific. T-6 is Bureau letter dated 3/4/42, which states that Karr's name appears on letterhead of American Jewish Alliance (AJA) as a sponsor. No source shown in Bufiles for letter, which contains numerous Bureau markings. No investigation of AJA has been conducted.

Report 4/6/60: T-2, [REDACTED] former employee of Drew Pearson, advised he confirmed Karr's communist affiliations through Rob Hall, former CP leader, and General Harry Vaughan who showed him information from FBI reports. [REDACTED] has no personal knowledge, and Hall has advised he never knew Karr to be CP member and alleged information from FBI report could lead to embarrassment. [REDACTED] has unsavory reputation and is unreliable.

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Remaining informants advised they did not wish identity disclosed or are investigative techniques.

Defense being advised of decision by Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses not to use Cvetic as witness since in Executive Branch and Department may ultimately have to defend case in Federal courts.

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July 13, 1961

EX-107

Sumter, South Carolina

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated July 5, 1961, and enclosure have been received.

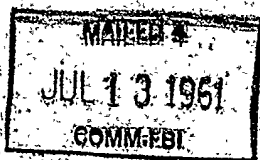
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In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may find pertinent, and the money you so thoughtfully enclosed is being returned since there is no charge for material we are privileged to disseminate. Thank you for your best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (5)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's Statement 4-17-61 re Internal Security
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
25 cents forwarded by correspondent

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Sumter, S. C.

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

I have received some articles written by Mr. Matt Cvetic who was a communist for the F.B.I. for 9 years, and hoped that you might be able to send me some reference to his standing in the F.B.I. at present. There are so many people who claim to be what they are not, and therefore I hoped to get your opinion of him.

Thank you and may God bless you in your work.

Sincerely

/s/

[Redacted Signature Box]

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June 5 1961
[Redacted Box]
Sumter, A.C.

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have received some articles
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July 21, 1961



Reedsville, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of July 16, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise you that Matthew Cvetic assisted this Bureau by furnishing information from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time was compensated for such information. He was not, however, an employee of the FBI. As you pointed out, I am unable to comment relative to his statements and any ventures in which he is engaged are his own. I would like to point out that I am unable to discuss the testimony of Mr. Cvetic due to the confidential nature of FBI files; however, his testimony was given under oath.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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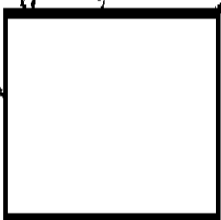
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REEDSVILLE, PA.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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July 16, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a teacher, Reedsville Methodist Men's Bible Class and during discussion, the remarkable experiences of Matt Cvetic as a Communist for the F. B. I. was brought out. The idea was advanced by one person that Matt Cvetic was a fake and of course this cast much doubt on the whole attitude of the possible influence of Communism.

I would very much appreciate your office telling us whether Matt Cvetic actually was for 9 years a communist for the F. B. I. Also I realize you cannot verify every statement he ever made but I would also appreciate your advising us whether or not his general testimony is true.

Very truly yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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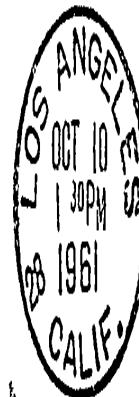
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
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The following information is set out in connection with your request for information concerning the identities and availability of certain witnesses appearing in reports of this Bureau.

T-17 in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated October 9, 1951, is [REDACTED] Federal Detention Headquarters, West Street, New York City, whose records are available for review by your agency.

T-43 in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 22, 1954, was used to designate a surveillance conducted by Special Agents of this Bureau who will be made available to testify upon request.

[REDACTED] whose name is set out in the above report of Special Agent [REDACTED] is not available to testify because of a serious permanent illness. In view of this, she has not been contacted in connection with your request.

Hatt Cvetic, who is referred to as the source of the information concerning the subject in the July 28, 1950, issue of the "Pittsburgh Press," furnished information to this Bureau from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and was compensated for his information. He was not, however, an employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in Immigration and Naturalization Service hearings and in State and Federal prosecutions. In 1939 he was arrested and indicted for assault and battery. The charge was dismissed. The March 31, 1955, issue of the "Daily Worker" and the

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2-Norfolk(100-4233)

2-Los Angeles(100-53044)
2-WFO (100-16717)

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1-100-372409 (Cvetic)

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Chief, Intelligence Division
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April 25, 1955, issue of the "Morning Freiheit" contained derogatory articles relating to the 1955 hospitalization of Cvetic for mental illness. Cvetic's present address is unknown. His address, as of July, 1960, was Post Office Box 2789, Hollywood 28, California.

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You will be informed separately concerning the following sources: T-21 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 9, 1951; T-1 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 15, 1955; T-3, T-14, T-15, T-19, T-26 and T-27 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 22, 1954, and concerning the availability of the "Pittsburgh Press" and "Wilkesburg Gazette" articles.

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Of the remaining sources about which you inquired, the only one currently furnishing information to this Bureau is the individual designated in the reports of Special Agent [redacted] as T-2 in the report of April 12, 1957; T-2 in the report of November 28, 1956; T-1 in the report dated May 23, 1956; T-2 in the report dated November 15, 1955; T-1 in the report dated May 4, 1955; and as T-1 in the report dated October 13, 1954. This source is also identified as T-3 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 18, 1958, and as T-21 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 22, 1954.

Concerning the present location of [redacted] who is referred to in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 7, 1944, my letter of April 16, 1959, showed the last known address of [redacted] Washington, D. C., as of 1945. It was determined that she had moved from that address on December 1, 1945, and listed no forwarding address. Inquiry was made at the American Red Cross, her last known employment, with negative results. No record identifiable with her was located at the Credit Bureau of the District of Columbia, Incorporated, and there was no listing for her in the city or telephone directories covering the Washington, D. C. area.

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Your memorandum referred to as a follow-up on previous requests makes reference to five documents connecting the subject with the Communist Party. In each instance the document was furnished by a source which is not now and will not be available for testimony.

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Coast Guard Headquarters

A review of the remaining sources about which you inquired shows that they are either identical with individuals whose identities have been furnished to you or are sources which are not available for testimony now or in the future.

ATTENTION SACs, BALTIMORE, LOS ANGELES, NORFOLK, PITTSBURGH
AND WASHINGTON FIELD:

In connection with this supplemental request by the Coast Guard for witnesses, you are referred for instructions to Bureau letter dated February 26, 1959.

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Baltimore is requested to furnish information concerning [redacted] T-14 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 22, 1954. The original source is Baltimore file 100-15489-1A(1). You should also insure that a notation is placed in the file of [redacted] so that the Coast Guard will be informed if the informant becomes available for testimony in the future.

Los Angeles is requested to advise concerning [redacted] T-15 in the above report. The original source of the information is Los Angeles file 100-30004-1A2.

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Pittsburgh should advise concerning [redacted] Former [redacted]. Pittsburgh should also furnish, if readily available, Photostats of the July 28, 1950, issue of the "Pittsburgh Press," page 2, column 4 and the pertinent portion of the "Wilkesburg Gazette" dated December 30, 1943, referred to on page 17 of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 22, 1954. Also advise concerning [redacted] T-21 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 9, 1951.

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Norfolk should advise concerning [redacted] and [redacted], T-19 and T-26 respectively, in the above report of Special Agent [redacted]. Also advise concerning [redacted] Former [redacted] who is designated as T-27 in Special Agent [redacted] report.

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Washington Field Office (WFO) should advise concerning [redacted] T-1 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 15, 1955. No copies of this report were designated for WFO; however, the original information appears in WFO file 100-12104-1A.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Subject is being considered for possible rescreening by the Coast Guard. His name was removed from the Security Index June 20, 1961.

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter dated December 7, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

The FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I would like to point out that Matthew Cvetic assisted this Bureau by furnishing information from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time he was compensated for such information. He was not, however, a Special Agent of the FBI. His current statements are personal ventures of his own and the FBI is not, in any way, in position to comment concerning them.

Matthew Cvetic

I have advised our citizens to educate themselves concerning the true aims and methods of the communist conspiracy in order that they will be able to recognize this evil threat wherever it appears and attack it with the weapon it fears most--truth. However, I have stated that it is vitally imperative that we remain calm, rational and thoroughly accurate in what we say and do. This is no time for rumors, unfounded suspicion, gossip and the hurling of false accusations. It is the duty of Americans to report information of a subversive nature to the proper authorities.

Enclosed is some literature which may be of interest as well as the item you sent.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Conrad
- DeLoach
- Evans
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Correspondent's enclosure
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Correspondent wrote 9-6-61 furnishing a newspaper clipping pertaining to the Director's book. She was thanked for bringing this to his attention and literature was sent to her. The literature being enclosed is not repetitious.

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[REDACTED]
Jacksonville 7, Florida

December 7, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Is the enclosed article by Matt Cvetic true?
If so, what on earth can Americans do to save our Nation from
our own people and leaders who seem bent on destroying us?

Thank you
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Academy of Notre Dame
6401 West Main Street
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My dear Sister:

Your letter of January 8th, with enclosure,
has been received, and I appreciate your comments concerning
my book, "Masters of Deceit."

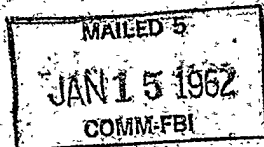
In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that
Matthew Cvetic assisted this Bureau by furnishing information
from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time
was compensated for such information. He was not, however,
a Special Agent of the FBI. With reference to the addresses
Mr. Cvetic is making and the books he has written, these are
personal ventures of his own and the FBI is not, in any way, in
a position to comment relative to his statements.

Although I would very much like to be of
assistance, I cannot, as a matter of policy, recommend any
books or publications of other organizations. However, in
view of your interest, I am enclosing some literature on the
general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Enclosures (5)

10-61 LEB Introduction

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

The Faith to be Free

The Deadly Contest

The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Her enclosure was a list of publications written by Matt Cvetic, well-known, former informant of the Bureau.

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6401 WEST MAIN STREET
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

January 8, 1962

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Mr. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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This is to inquire about a Mr. Matt Cvetic.
Enclosed is a "flier" advertising his mater-
ial. We also have his book THE BIG DECISION
which reads interestingly. What I want to
know is ^{is} he authentic or is he another "front"
for communistic action. I will withhold his
book from our students until I have word
from you.

With every best wish to you, I remain,

Sincerely,

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P.S. I would be glad to have some names
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Memorandum

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53044)

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CVETIC, former Bureau informant, contacted in connection with another matter on 1/24/62, by SA [redacted] advised that he presently maintains offices at 1582 Crossroads of the World, 6671 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, Calif., and is currently having re-published his testimony before several Government hearings on the communist conspiracy in the United States at his own expense.

CVETIC stated that the recent past has seen a greatly quickened interest in the communist issue, and that his book, "The Great Decision", which recounts his experiences as an informant in the communist movement, has reached sales of 64,000 at this time.

CVETIC stated that he intends to accept an invitation for an anti-communist rally at Tulsa, Oklahoma, latter part of January, 1962, sponsored or directed by Dr. BILLY HARGIS of Tulsa.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information.

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The book, entitled "The Big Decision" was recently given to me to read. It was written by Matt Cvetic, and is published, according to the inside of the cover by The Big Decision, P. O. Box 2789, Hollywood, California. On the title page is this wording "Based on the experiences of Matt Cvetic, former FBI counterspy."

Inasmuch as there is no limit to the communist activities, even to the extent of downgrading themselves to further their interests and successful infiltration in every ideological, religious and educational group, causing panic, confusion and alarm, there are those who would, and do, take advantage of the current awakening in our country to the inroads and dangers of communism to the extent of writing books and articles. The book by Cvetic is a paperback and sells for \$1.00 per copy. One mother told me she gave the book to her twelve-year old daughter to read, and the child burst into tears.

Please tell me if this story by Matthew Cvetic is authentic, and what was and is his connection with the FBI. I note that the book does not have a Library of Congress Catalog Card listing. It bears the copy-right number AA417065.

I shall be most grateful for any information you feel you can give on the authenticity of "The Big Decision" and on the author, Matt Cvetic.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted]
Savannah, Georgia

Dear [Redacted]

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Since you expressed a desire to learn more about the communist menace, I am enclosing some literature which I think will be of help in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior correspondence to [Redacted] on 8-8-61 in reference to the organization "Operation Alert." None of the enclosures being sent duplicate those previously sent.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letters dated March 12, 1962, and enclosures have been received.

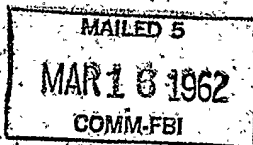
Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files on all of the subjects of your inquiries.

Mr. Matthew Cvetic assisted this Bureau by furnishing information from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time was compensated for such information. He was not a Special Agent of the FBI. Since Mr. Cvetic is not associated in any manner with this Bureau at the present time and his personal ventures are his own, I am unable to comment relative to his activities.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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March 12, 1962

Dear Sirs:

Please send me all the free literature you can,
as soon as you possible can, on Matt Cvetic and his dealings with
the John Birch Society.

Thankyou, *[initials]*

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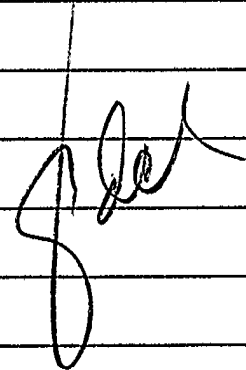
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Thank you


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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-6-62

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Memorandum to the Director
Re: The Congressional Record

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APPENDIX - continued

Page A1664. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, submitted an article entitled "Communists in Agriculture" written by Matt Cretic and published in the October 1961 issue of Christian Crusade. Mr. Rousselot stated "Mr. Cretic, a former confederate for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and an expert on the techniques and activities of the communist conspiracy in this country, knows what he is talking about."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 2-5-62 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of May 8th and want to thank you for your interest in writing.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Cvetic furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1943 to 1950 for which he was compensated. He was not employed as a Special Agent of the FBI, and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information re [redacted] and only prior correspondence was in August, 1961.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sir,

Sometime back I had the opportunity to read, "Mat Cvetic's" book. Just recently additional pamphlets written by Mr. Cvetic have been made available. Inasmuch as Mr. Cvetic was associated with your organization, I assume he has considerable knowledge on the subject of communism. In your opinion do you consider the past writings and efforts of Mr. Cvetic as being worthwhile.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

/s

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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HERE IS YOUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER THE "PIED-PIPERS" OF MOSCOW. EDUCATE THE YOUTH OF TODAY, THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW, TO THE DANGERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM.

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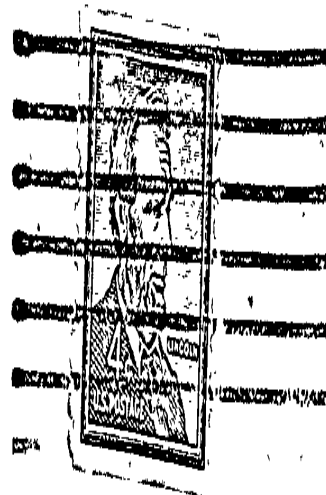
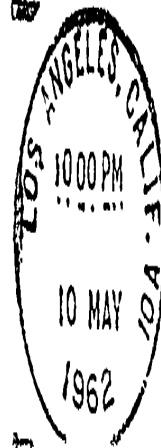
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Federal Building,
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JUST RELEASED

TWO NEW REVEALING ONE-PAGE TRACTS BY MATT CVETIC.
FAMOUS COUNTERSPY AND ONE OF THE FOREMOST
AUTHORITIES ON THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY.

QUANTITY

() EXTREMISTS!

REVEALS THE KREMLIN'S CLEVER PLOT TO
DESTROY THE ANTI-COMMUNIST MOVEMENT
IN THE UNITED STATES. TELLS HOW NON-
COMMUNISTS AID THIS RED OBJECTIVE.

() COMMUNISTS IN COMMUNICATIONS!

SHOWS HOW THE REDS USE TELEVISION,
RADIO, PRESS AND MOTION PICTURES
TO PROMOTE RED OBJECTIVES.

OTHER TRACTS BY MATT CVETIC

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() COMMUNIST TARGET YOUTH!

EXPOSES THE CRAFTY SCHEME USED BY
THE "PIED-PIPER OF THE KREMLIN"
TO INFLUENCE OUR YOUTH.

() MENTAL HEALTH GOLDBRICK!

AN EXPOSE OF THE REDS' PLOT IN OUR
SOCIAL, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROGRAMS.

() COMMUNISTS IN OUR CHURCHES!

DESCRIBES HOW THE COMMUNISTS INFILTRATE
OUR CHURCHES AND CHURCH GROUPS.

() AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION!

EXPLAINS HOW THE SOCIALISTIC ADA
AIDS THE COMMUNIST CAUSE.

() KREMLINS' CULTURAL EXCHANGE FRAUD!

EXPOSES MOSCOW'S PLOT BEHIND
THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

() SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM - BUNK!

DEBUNKS THE SO-CALLED SUPERIORITY OF
THE SOVIETS IN THE SCIENTIFIC FIELD.

() COMMUNISTS IN AGRICULTURE!

EXPOSES THE COMMUNIST METHOD OF IN-
FILTRATION IN OUR FARMING ORGANIZATIONS.

() COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND!

GIVES IN DETAIL THE COMMUNIST PLAN FOR
GOING UNDERGROUND IN THE UNITED STATES.

() ONE COMMUNIST!

SHOWS HOW ONE COMMUNIST OR COMMUNIST
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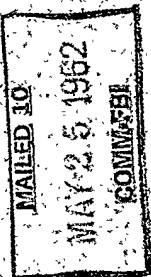
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 21st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Matthew Cvetic was not employed as a Special Agent of the FBI; however, he furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from February, 1943, to January, 1950, for which he was compensated. I hope this data will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.

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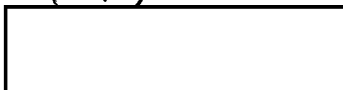
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Dear Sir:

I am extremely interested in information concerning Matt Cvetic claiming to have been a nince (9) year communist for the F. B. I.

If this is true would appreciate your substantiating with dates and contributions made to your office by this man.

Cordially,



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many thanks for your help and response to my inquiry concerning
Matthew Cvetic.

This response was indicative of the bulwark you present against
evil.

Thank you again.

Cordially,

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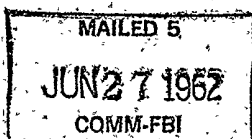
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 22, 1962, has been received, and I want to thank you for your very kind remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," and my administration of the FBI.

With respect to your inquiry, Mr. Matthew Cvetic furnished information regarding subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1943 to 1950 for which he was compensated. His opinions and comments are entirely his own and do not represent the FBI in any manner.

For your information, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Mr. Cvetic was discontinued as an informant because of his unwarranted disclosure of his status and repeated unreasonable demands for more money. He makes his livelihood as a speaker and writer capitalizing on his former relations with the Bureau.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FEDERAL BUREAU
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the recent past I have read a number of speeches, books, and sub-committee reports based on the experiences of Mr. Matt Cvetic, identified as a former counter-spy for the F.B.I. If one were assured of the truth of what Mr. Cvetic has to say, it would certainly provide a clear insight into the conspiratorial depths of the Communist party.

On the other hand, there have been a number of instances where I have quoted, in the course of argument, something that Mr. Cvetic had said or written only to hear in return that Mr. Cvetic was a mental incompetent, an alcoholic, and many other things concerning his past life which certainly would detract from his character and would not tend to lend credence to anything he had said. Because most of these arguments have been brought forth by those who tend to be apologetic concerning the Communists in the first place, I find it difficult to believe them. I have finally come to the conclusion that the only way I can satisfy myself is to get what information I can directly from the source, which is the reason for this letter.

I don't know how much information the Federal Bureau of Investigation is able to put out concerning former counter-spies, such as Mr. Cvetic, but I would appreciate anything you may be able to tell me which would help to clear up this matter. I would particularly like to know when Mr. Cvetic started in his counter-spy activities as a member of the Communist party, when he left those activities, and, if possible, how much weight the F.B.I. itself places on Mr. Cvetic's reports to the F. B. I. and his later sworn testimony before Senate sub-committees, etc.

I might add in conclusion that I have also read your own work on the subject, Masters of Deceit, and found it extremely interesting.

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informative, and challenging and would like to congratulate you on your contribution to our great nation through all of your work with the F.B.I. and particularly, your efforts to uncover the depths of the Communist conspiracy in this country.

Thanking you in advance for whatever information you can send me, I am,

With warmest personal regards,



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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 6-25-62

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Page A4741, Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, extended his remarks and stated "Matt Cvetic, who for 9 years was a Communist for the FBI, has written an excellent article entitled 'Extremists.' In this article he discusses the vicious and planned propaganda attack against patriotic Americans who are actively fighting the Communist threat in this country." He included the article with his remarks.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-372409

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 100-53044

MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER/ST, PITTSBURGH DIVISION.
Security Informant

CAPTAIN [REDACTED] METROPOLITAN DIVISION,

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED MATT CVETIC, AGE
FIFTY THREE, ONE SEVEN FOUR FIVE NORTH ORANGE DRIVE,

HOLLYWOOD, WHILE WAITING TO TAKE A DRIVER-S EXAMINATION
AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU, HOLLYWOOD,
DIED SUDDENLY THIS AFTERNOON APPARENTLY OF A HEART ATTACK.

CORONER EXAMINATION HAS NOT AS YET BEEN MADE. PRESS, RADIO

AND TV EXPECTED TO GIVE CVETIC-S SUDDEN DEATH WIDE COVERAGE.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL PERTINENT

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (100-53044)

From: Director, FBI (100-372409) - 490

MATT CVETIC
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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ReLAairtel 7-30-62 advising [redacted]
who has described herself as Cvetic's administrative assistant
and fiancée prior to his death has invited Agents to be present
at the time she reviews Cvetic's records.

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Bureau files contain no identifiable derogatory
information regarding [redacted]. The Bureau desires that
[redacted] offer for an Agent to be present when she
reviews Cvetic's records be accepted for the purpose of
determining if these records contain any material pertinent
to the Bureau's investigative responsibilities and to
protect the Bureau's interest. The Los Angeles Office should
have two experienced Agents present when [redacted] reviews
this material. It is imperative that this matter be handled with
utmost discretion to insure that this review will not be
construed as an endorsement by the FBI in any subsequent use
of these records or result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

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Keep the Bureau appropriately advised of all
pertinent developments in this matter.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Cvetic died in Los Angeles, California, of a heart
attack on 7-26-62. He served as a Bureau informant 1943-1950
when discontinued in view of various indiscretions on his part,
heavy drinking and unauthorized disclosures of his informant
status. He testified at the trial of Communist Party leaders
in 1953 and before various congressional committees and has
lectured throughout the country on the subject of communism.
Following his discontinuance as an informant he did not hesitate
to capitalize on his former informant status.

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RE: MATT CVETIC
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NOTE CONTINUED:

[redacted] has invited Agents of the Los Angeles Office to be present at the time she reviews Cvetic's records. The Los Angeles Office has advised UACB Agents will not be present when she reviews Cvetic's records. It is believed the Bureau's interests would be served in having Agents present when Cvetic's records are reviewed to determine if they contain any information of interest to the Bureau and to protect the Bureau's interest.

The Los Angeles Office is being instructed to accept the offer made by [redacted] and to have two Agents present when she reviews Cvetic's records.

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Date: 7/30/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53044)

RE: MATT CVETIC
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP7MRC/hp

Transmitted herewith for the completion of the Bureau's file are two photostatic copies of a newspaper article, which appeared in the "Los Angeles Herald-Examiner" on 7/27/62, setting forth additional details concerning the death of MATT CVETIC, former SI of the Pittsburgh Division, which occurred on 7/26/62. A photostatic copy of the article is also being furnished to the Pittsburgh Division for information.

On 7/28/62, Dr. MELVIN SHATAVISKY of the Los Angeles County Coroners Office, telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division that he performed the autopsy on CVETIC. He stated [redacted] was present at the time of the autopsy as a friend of the deceased. [redacted] commented CVETIC had told him several days prior to his death that he wondered if someone was trying to harm him inasmuch as he, CVETIC, had recently purchased a new 1962 automobile and CVETIC had discovered the steering column of the vehicle was loose. Dr. SHATAVISKY stated he found absolutely no evidence of foul play as a result of the autopsy. He stated CVETIC suffered from a significant arterial sclerosis which was sufficient to cause death by heart attack.

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Special Agent in Charge

On 7/28/62, [redacted] Los Angeles, phone [redacted] telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office at which time she advised she was CVETIC's administrative assistant and fiancée prior to CVETIC's death. She stated she had possession of CVETIC's records and was particularly desirous that agents of the FBI be with her at the time she reviewed CVETIC's records.

On 7/30/62, [redacted] was recontacted to determine precisely what records she had made reference to. She stated CVETIC maintained a large amount of records at his office which was located at the Crossroads of the World, Hollywood, California. She declared she has removed CVETIC's correspondence dating from 1959 to 1960; his checkbook and a mailing list. She noted that to the best of her knowledge CVETIC's sister, AMELIA WAGNER of Pittsburgh is the Executrix of the estate. She noted that a public administrator in Los Angeles has been appointed and has been in contact with AMELIA WAGNER who, to the best of [redacted] knowledge, is not coming to Los Angeles to review CVETIC's records or personal effects.

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[redacted] advised that Sgt. [redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department Detective Bureau, was especially interested in CVETIC's papers and she stated she was turning to him for advice insofar as the proper disposal of CVETIC's records are concerned.

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It should be noted that Sgt. [redacted] is active in the Fire and Police Research Association of Los Angeles, 3033 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, which organization is and has been active in the anti-communist field.

UACB, the Los Angeles Division does not contemplate reviewing any of CVETIC's records, correspondence, mailing list, etc.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU FROM LOS ANGELES: (2)

Photostats of newspaper article appearing
in "Los Angeles Herald-Examiner" 7/27/62.

RE: MATT CVETIC
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

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ENCLOSURE

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Spy for the FBI**Matt Cvetic Dies
Of Heart Attack**

Matt Cvetic, famed Red counterspy for the FBI, was dead today of an apparent heart attack which struck him as he was preparing to take a driving test.

The 53-year-old author and lecturer, whose exploits resulted in magazine, film and radio versions of "I Was a Communist for the FBI," collapsed at the wheel of his car yesterday at the Hollywood office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, 803 N. Cole Ave.

DMV examiner Charles Laeger, who was about to give Cvetic his driving test, summoned help and administered artificial respiration. But Cvetic failed to revive and was pronounced dead at Hollywood Receiving Hospital.

At the FBI's request, Cvetic joined the Communist party in 1941 in Pittsburgh, where he was born and reared. His three lives as a citizen, a Communist conspirator and FBI secret agent ended in 1950 in dramatic testimony before a congressional committee.

His mother, an Austrian immigrant, died in 1949 believing her son a traitor. His father died in 1950, three months after the truth was known.

Cvetic said in his 1959 book, "The Big Decision," that his wife took their twin sons and left him when she learned he was a Communist, eventually winning a divorce.

He emphasized in the book that communism is not a political idea but an international conspiracy "with systematic brain-washing, thought control, mass enslavement and mass murder."

As a Communist, Cvetic at-

tended more than 3000 meetings of American and Soviet Reds and help organize the Labor Youth League in 1949. He testified that his prime mission was to infiltrate America's scientific, legal, medical, governmental, social and health and welfare fields.

In his testimony Cvetic named many alleged Red agents and said Communists in America were under orders from 1948 on to destroy all records linking them with the party.

He testified that former Vice President Henry A. Wallace met with two known Pittsburgh Communists in 1947 to solicit support for a third party presidential campaign. He also described Red activities in schools and industry.

Cvetic's Saturday Evening Post series, "I Was a Communist for the FBI," inspired a motion picture starring Frank Lovejoy and a radio series starring Dana Andrews.

Cvetic, who appeared in more than 50 Government proceedings against the Communists, once said:

"I am proud to say that the Communists have never been able to successfully counter my integrity and my sworn testimony."

In recent years, he lectured on the Red conspiracy at many anti-communism meetings and rallies. He lived at 1745 N. Orange Drive in Hollywood.

Cvetic's body will be shipped today to Sharpsburg, Pa., it was announced by the Pierce Bros. Mortuary of Los Angeles

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Herald-Examiner

Los Angeles, Calif.

Date: 7/27/62

Edition: 8th Star

Author:

Editor: Herbert J. Aruch

Title: Matt Cvetic

Character:

or file

Classification: 100-372000

Submitting Office: Los Angeles

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-1-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell *Dec 1/62*

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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For your information, the attached copy of a letter dated 7-28-62 which [redacted] aka [redacted] directed to the Editor of the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner has been received in which [redacted] suggested that Americans write their Congressmen asking that the body of Matthew Cvetic, former security informant, be "reinterred at Arlington National Cemetery." [redacted] has also indicated a copy of her letter for the Honorable Alphonzo Bell, her Congressman from California. There has been limited prior correspondence with [redacted], who has in the past written the Bureau in connection with matters she believes to be of a security interest, but her current communication is not being acknowledged since it is not directed to the Bureau. (94-5594)

We do not know whether the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner will print this letter but it might result in volume mail addressed to the Bureau in the future if it is printed.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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[Redacted]
Palos Verdes Peninsula, Cal.

July 28, 1962

Herbert Krauch, Editor

Los Angeles Herald-Examiner

1111 S. Broadway

Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Krauch:

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DATE 11-22-88 BY SP1 MAC/tp

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I would respectfully like to suggest that Americans write their congressmen asking that the body of Matt Cvetic, former FBI counterspy and courageous fighter against communism, be reinterred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Matt Cvetic's life work of patriotism to the United States was of such heroic proportions that surely he deserves to be buried alongside other great heroes of our country.

My father once told me that living for a cause is much harder than dying for one. Matt Cvetic chose the hardest way to live for the cause of freedom, dedicating over twenty years of his life to this fight, forfeiting home and comfort and safety. Such a man deserves a real tribute from his countrymen.

Respectfully,

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c.c. J. Edgar Hoover

Hon. Alphonzo Bell

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Rolling Hills Estates, Calif.

July 30, 1962

Representative Alphonso Bell
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP7mas/af

My dear Congressman:

Many patriotic services by many patriotic people have been rendered this country by some fine citizens. It would seem to me that one of the finest examples has been the outstanding work over the years by Matt Cvetic, whose untimely death occurred only last week.

I am writing to suggest that you propose to the House that the body of Matt Cvetic be interred at Arlington as a fitting tribute for his services to the country.

I know how busy you Congressmen are and I don't like to ask attention to a lot of unnecessary ideas, but I feel this is most worthwhile. Would you kindly send me a note stating whether or not this idea is feasible?

Respectfully yours,

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cc/ J. Edgar Hoover

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DIRECTOR, FBI (9-479)

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SAC, SAN DIEGO (62-1428)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Death of
NEWTON E. ARMSTRONG, JR., 3/31/62
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING
(SECURITY MATTER)

Re San Diego letter to the Bureau dated 5/25/62.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau is one copy of the San Diego State College student publication "Evolve", Volume II, Number Seven, dated July, 1962.

U This issue contains an article entitled "Resurgence of Nazis - A Red Booby Trap" by MATT CVETIC. In the article CVETIC uses the NEWTON ARMSTRONG, JR. death as an illustration of murder by communists.

The issue also contains an article entitled "All The News That Fits The Tint", which deals with inquiries made by a New York Times reporter concerning the ARMSTRONG case.

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August 14, 1962

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Amarillo, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Baumgardner

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FBI

Your letter of August 8th has been received and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, Matthew Cvetic voluntarily assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time was compensated. He was not, however, a Special Agent of the FBI. I trust this data will be helpful to you.

J. Edgar Hoover

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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DATE 11-22-83 BY SP1MAC/TLS

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent; however, no reprint material is being sent to her with this letter since she was furnished reprints on communism with our letter of August 1st. This letter was discussed with a supervisor in the Domestic Intelligence Division, who advised that Cvetic was "clean" until he activated himself in the Communist Party at our request; however, this activation was strictly voluntary on the part of Cvetic.

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[Redacted]
Amarillo, Texas
August 8, 1962

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP7MAC/SP

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 1 together with the literature is deeply appreciated. Thank you for the reassurance that you will continue in your present capacity.

In the August 6, 1962, issue of Newsweek, on page 57, is the following notice of Matt Cvetic's death:

"Matthew Cvetic, 53, anti-Communist zealot and inspiration for the movie "I Was a Communist for the FBI", based on Cvetic's 1950 emergence as a self-proclaimed former undercover agent who told of having posed as a Communist for nine years by request of the FBI (which denied it, maintaining that Cvetic's only connection with the FBI was as a paid informer); of a heart attack, in Hollywood, July 26."

In sworn testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in February, 1952, Mr. Cvetic stated:

"In April of 1941 I was requested by the FBI to volunteer my services, and the job they requested me to do was to join the Communist Party and supply the FBI with information on the activities of the Communist Party in the United States."

Elsewhere Mr. Cvetic had testified that he was a "consultant with the United States Department of Justice."

Does Newsweek's statement refute the sworn testimony of Mr. Cvetic? I believe that Mr. Cvetic gave the American people a remarkable example of the personal courage needed to save our beloved ~~August 1962~~ from its enemies within, and it is disheartening to see such ~~courage and~~ loyalty belittled. If Newsweek erred, can it be rectified?

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CORRESPONDENCE

Respectfully yours,

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8/11/62
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: July 25, 1962

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A6671-A6672. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, extended his remarks and stated "Matt Cretic, who for 9 years was a Communist for the FBI, has written an excellent article entitled 'Communists in Our Churches,' which I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues." He included the text of the article.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for July 24, 1962, was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 8/22/62

FROM: *Wey* SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53044)

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP2mac/hjz

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 8/3/62.

In accordance with instructions contained in re
Bureau airtel, SA's [redacted] and [redacted]
contacted [redacted] at her residence, [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles, on 8/14/62. [redacted] explained that she had removed to her residence all pertinent files and correspondence from CVETIC's office where she had been employed as executive secretary. This material which was reviewed by the Agents at [redacted] request, consisted entirely of newspaper publicity clippings, speaking engagement correspondence, mailing lists, and inquiries concerning the sale of CVETIC's book "The Big Decision." All the material related to the period 1959 to date, which period incidentally was the period of [redacted] employment by CVETIC. No material was found which was considered pertinent to the Bureau's investigative responsibilities or the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the Bureau's interest.

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It was stressed to [redacted] that this inspection was to in no way be construed as an endorsement by the FBI and she replied that she completely understood the Bureau's position and would keep the entire contact with the FBI in complete confidence. [redacted] volunteered the following information concerning hers [redacted]

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Her full name is [redacted] also known as [redacted]. She met CVETIC in November, 1959, in Los Angeles and started to work for him as his administrative assistant in January, 1960. During the past year and a half she worked closely with CVETIC and became intensely interested in the patriotic work that he was doing in alerting the American public of the menace of communism. During this period, approximately 60,000 copies

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of his book "The Big Decision" were sold and he engaged in extensive lecturing activities. In spite of this apparent source of funds, CVETIC was constantly in financial difficulty and at the time of his death he was in debt approximately \$10,000, not counting approximately \$4,000 which he owed on a new car which he had recently purchased.

At the time of CVETIC's death, [REDACTED] ~~CVETIC~~ communicated with CVETIC's sister, Mrs. ~~AMELIA WAGNER~~, who resides in Pittsburgh. [REDACTED] was informed that a representative of the family would come to Los Angeles to claim the body and take care of funeral arrangements, but shortly thereafter, she was advised that CVETIC's relatives in Pittsburgh could not afford the trip and that they would be unable to house [REDACTED] in the event she decided to accompany the body back to Pittsburgh. [REDACTED] decided not to make any trip to Pittsburgh and informed the attorney for CVETIC's sister, a Mr. ~~JAMES WALLACE~~ in ~~TA~~ Pittsburgh, that in the event the relatives would designate her to be the administratrix of CVETIC's estate, she would personally liquidate his debts and endeavor to carry on his business. [REDACTED] indicated that to date she has not received a reply to her offer. She added that she is in the process of setting up a MATT CVETIC Memorial Foundation in order to carry on the student educational program. This program, which had recently been started by CVETIC, featured the dissemination of CVETIC's book "The Big Decision" into various colleges and youth groups in the Los Angeles area.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent developments in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Aug 28, 1962

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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DATE 11-22-89 BY SP7MAC/hp

Page A4406. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, requested to have printed in the Record an editorial entitled "Matt Cvetic: A Real Hero" which appeared in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner. Mr. Rousselot pointed out that "Mr. Cvetic's efforts to awaken the American people to the internal Communist threat are widely known. I was well acquainted with him and can attest to his utter loyalty to the United States and the freedoms for which she stands. The editorial stated "At the request of the FBI, Cvetic became a Communist to spy on the Reds and learn their secrets. In that he did a tremendous job and the Communists never learned they had been tricked until Cvetic went on the witness stand and told his story before a congressional committee. - - - Matt Cvetic, in our opinion, was a great hero."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Aug. 27, 1962 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Washington 20, D. C.
September 4, 1962

ERIC CARLSON

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DATE *11-22-88* BY *SP1mecc/122*

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is in regard to one of your former top counter-spies,
the late Matthew Cvetic.

I would like to know the period of time that your agent, Mr. Cvetic,
underwent training for his assignment of infiltrating the Communist
Party...and for how long a period of time did he act as your counter-spy
within the Party?

Also, were his wages, if any, paid to him on a regular basis,
or was he in a special top category?

Thank you sincerely, and congratulations on your courageous fight
against the Communist conspiracy.

Respectfully,

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*Mr. DeLoach memo
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CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*FROM : D. C. Morrell *DCM*b6
b7CSUBJECT:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

DATE: 9-7-62

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DeLoach

By letter dated September 4th, above captioned individual requested information concerning the late Matthew Cvetic and expressed his congratulations on the Director's fight against the communist conspiracy.

Bufiles show that on 7-12-61, when 17 members of the American Nazi Party, led by George Lincoln Rockwell, were picketing on the west side of Union Station in Washington, D. C., of the above address was a member of the Fighting American Nationalists who were picketing nearby. The Fighting American Nationalists carried signs and placards with the following inscriptions:

1. "Down With the NAACP and CORE"
2. "Integration Is Not Black and White, But Red"
3. "NAACP Is A Red Front"
4. "Down With the NAACP and All Red Fronts"

After this picketing was terminated, both groups returned to the American Nazi Party Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. The Fighting American Nationalists, a front group of the American Nazi Party, is currently the subject of Racial Matters investigation. (157-304-30 p. 10)

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above information, correspondent's letter not be acknowledged.

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EX 101

REC-7 100-372409-497 October 9, 1962

[Redacted Address]

Los Angeles 36, California

Dear [Redacted Name]

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-22-89 BY SPIMACTY3

Your letter of October 2nd, with enclosure,
was received as Mr. Hoover was preparing to depart the
city.

He asked me to advise you that due to the
pressure of official business and the uncertainty of his
schedule he would be unable to accept your kind invitation
to attend the "kick-off" Dinner in January. Mr. Hoover
wanted me to assure you of his appreciation for thinking
of him in connection with this affair, and he trusts you
will understand the difficulties involved.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE:

BUfiles reflect that Agents of the Los Angeles Office contacted [redacted] on 8-14-62 relative to the files and correspondence contained in the late Matt Cvetic's office. It was found that nothing in his files was pertinent to the Bureau's investigative responsibilities. We have had no prior correspondence with [redacted] "The Big Decision" is a book on communism written by Cvetic who furnished information to the Bureau on a confidential basis from February, 1943, until January, 1950. Cvetic's unwarranted disclosure of his informant status and his repeated unreasonable demands for more money necessitated his discontinuance as an informant. He made his livelihood as a speaker and writer capitalizing on his former relations with the Bureau. Cvetic died on 7-26-62.

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Los Angeles 36, Calif.

October 2, 1962

Director J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Justice Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Director Hoover:

On July 26, 1962, America lost one of her most dedicated Patriots to the "Cause of Freedom" -- Matt Cvetic. Matt will long be remembered for the principles of Freedom for which he stood unequivocally, uncompromising and unwavering. I need not acquaint you with his background, since you are very familiar with his nine years work as Undercover Agent for the Bureau.

Matt and I were engaged to be married, and last month was to have been the happy occasion. For almost three years we worked closely together in our office, writing tracts, magazine articles and promoting and distributing his book The Big Decision. Matt was a great man in every sense, and he is very greatly missed.

To perpetuate the memory of Matt Cvetic, and continue his work in the field of educating the Youth of America to the dangers of International Communism, the MATT CVETIC MEMORIAL FOUNDATION has been established as a nonpolitical, nonpartisan, nonsectarian and nonprofit organization. It will also be conducted as a non-membership foundation, and controlled solely and permanently by the Board of Directors of the foundation, who are persons known and selected by me as having been close friends of Matt, and for whom he held great respect and admiration.

The foundation will conduct an intelligent and effective Youth program to be held on a high plain with no displays of emotionalism and name-calling. It will, in fact, be conducted as Matt would have wished it- and will, in no manner whatsoever, impair the memory of Matt Cvetic, the reputation of the F.B.I. and its Director, and/or any persons associated with the foundation.

To round out the Youth program, the foundation will give grants to universities and colleges for the purpose of producing Pro-American and Anti-Communist films; and promoting a constructive, effective and unemotional educational program.

You will be pleased to hear also that the foundation has purchased the Rights to the book The Big Decision, and will continue to print it, along with publishing periodicals to be written on a high plain and by persons whose judgement is without question. We will also publicize other books which have proved to be effective and intelligently written. In effect, we will not promote, publish or distribute any books or literature which seek to agitate, go in for name-calling or are in conflict with our Statement of Principles.

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
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MATT CVETIC MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

Box 2789,

Hollywood 28, California

TO -

MATT CVETIC MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

Box 2789, Hollywood 28, California

*I wish to offer my support to your non-profit organization in
its dedication to carrying on the patriotic projects of Matt
Cvetic. My tax-deductible contribution, in the amount of
\$ _____ is enclosed.*

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Plans are presently being made to hold a "kick-off" Dinner at one of the major hotels in Los Angeles, possibly the latter part of January. This will not be a fund-raising affair, but will be held for the sole purpose of officially launching the MATT CVETIC MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.

The Board of Directors of THE MATT CVETIC MEMORIAL FOUNDATION unanimously and cordially invite you to be the Honored Guest, and we will leave the selection of a date to you. We would be most happy to take care of all travel expenses involved. For we can think of no finer person Matt would wish to be honored than yourself, for he always held you with the highest regard and admiration.

Our grateful thanks for the magnificent work you are doing in behalf of a Free America, and may God continue to Bless all your efforts.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

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MATT CVETIC MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Enclosure

Los Angeles, CALIF.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

MATT CVETIC MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
(A California Non-Profit Corporation)

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"If we stay strong, if we have faith in God, faith in our nation, and faith in ourselves. . . we may rest assured that the Red Flag of Soviet Slavery will NEVER replace our own Red, White and Blue of Freedom."

Matt Cvetic

The primary purpose of the Matt Cvetic Memorial Foundation is to perpetuate the work and ideals of Matt Cvetic, whose name is enshrined in the roster of America's most heroic patriot fighters for Freedom. This civilian soldier, at personal sacrifice and risk far beyond the call of duty, secured information which alerted America to the enemy gnawing from within, and which played a vital part in enabling Congress to determine that....

"At present...the United States finds herself under attack by an enemy whose motive for hostility is...to destroy the order of life in the United States to make room for Communist rule."

Matt Cvetic went beyond obtaining uncontestable proof of the Communist conspiracy. He formulated and proclaimed two principles vital to the defeat of this enemy which would destroy a Free America. These principles, to be perpetuated by the Matt Cvetic Memorial Foundation, are:

1. To educate people, and especially the youth of America, to the dangers, methods and techniques of the International Communist conspiracy, and to all Socialistic and Totalitarian forms of government.
2. To promote an understanding and appreciation of the ideals of our Republic as established by the American Constitution.

It will be the duty of those who form the Matt Cvetic Memorial Foundation, to carry on the work to which Matt Cvetic dedicated his life, and the principles for which he stood unequivocally - uncompromising and unwavering.

MATT CVETIC MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
P.O. Box 2789,
Hollywood 28, California

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Granada Hills, California

Dear [redacted]

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I have received your letter of October 4th and want to thank you for the kind sentiments you expressed concerning my efforts as Director of the FBI and the work performed by this Bureau.

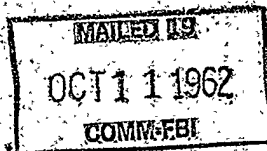
In response to your inquiry, Matthew Cvetic assisted this Bureau by furnishing information from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time was compensated for such information. He was not, however, an employee of the FBI.

Enclosed are several copies of the article you requested along with some additional material I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (5)

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals (3 copies)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information identifiable with [redacted] and our only outgoing to him was on 6-26-62.

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Granada Hills, California

October 4, 1962

Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

An article in Newsweek magazine prompts me to write this letter to inquire as to the status of Matt Cvetic while he worked in counter-subversion work.

I would like to know how long he worked in the capacity of an agent for the U.S. Government and what, if any, pay he received while he engaged in this work.

Some of these questions you may not be able to give me due to security reasons, but any information you may be able to give me will be greatly appreciated.

The men of the FBI and counter-subversion agents are constantly being smeared and maligned and I'm sick of the members of the press who continue to do injustice to these members of our investigative agencies even after they are dead.

I would appreciate also if you have any information as to where copies of your article, The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals, may be obtained.

May God grant you the strength to continue in your capacity as head of the bureau and one of the few sources of absolute integrity we have left in this country.

With best regards,

[Redacted Signature]

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Panorama City, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 8th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiries, Matthew Cvetic voluntarily assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time was compensated. He was not, however, a Special Agent of the FBI.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

An American's Challenge The Subtle Evil
Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It
Deadly Duel

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent who was sent some reprints on communism in April, 1962, in reply to her letter expressing appreciation for the work done by the Bureau in combating communism. (94-5-49760) Bufiles show that Matthew Cvetic was "clean" until he activated himself in the Communist Party at our request; however, this action was strictly voluntary on his part.

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Oct. 8, 1962

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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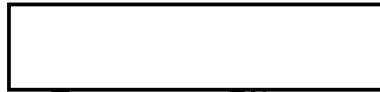
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Is this item, which was in Newsweek Aug. 22 1962,
true? Did Matt Cvetic pose as a communist for 9 years at the request
of the F. B. I. ?

Is Newsweek mistaken?

Thank you very much for answering my questions.

Sincerely,



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J. Edgar Hoover

Oct. 8, 1962

F.B.I.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Is this item, which
was in Newsweek Aug. 22
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Matt Curtis pose as
a communist for 9
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of the F.B.I.?

Is Newsweek
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much for answering
my questions.

Sincerely,

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hemorrhage, in Phoenix, Ariz., July 25,
less than three hours after the bout.

► MATTHEW CVETIC, 53, anti-Communist
zealot and inspiration for the movie "I
Was a Communist for the FBI," based
on Cvetic's 1950 emergence as a self-
proclaimed former undercover agent
who told of having posed as a Commu-
nist for nine years by request of the
FBI (which denied it, maintaining that
Cvetic's only connection with the FBI
was as a paid informer); of a heart
attack, in Hollywood, July 26.

► JAMES HOWARD KINDELBERGER, 67,
board chairman and former president of

Newsweek, August 6, 1962.

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Panorama City, California

Dear [redacted]

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I received your letter of October 23rd.

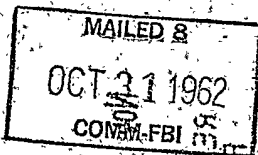
Matthew Cvetic furnished information to the FBI on a confidential basis concerning subversive activities for which he was compensated. I am unable to comment further regarding this relationship in view of the confidential nature of our files pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. However, he was not a Special Agent of the FBI, and I am enclosing some literature relating to this Bureau and the activities of Special Agents I hope will be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (4)

Know your FBI

The Story of the FBI

What it's like to be an FBI Agent
Special Agent Job Sheet

NOTE: Correspondent wrote October 8th concerning Cvetic and was advised of the dates he furnished information to the Bureau. This letter seeks further clarification. Bufiles indicate that Cvetic was "clean" until he activated himself in the Communist Party at our request; however, this action was strictly voluntary on his part.

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Oct. 23, 1962

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thank you for the answer to my last letter and also thank you very much for the enclosures. These have certainly helped awaken many people to the communism conspiracy.

If you will, I would like the answer to these questions:

1. Did the F.B.I. approach Matt Cvetic and ask him to be a counterspy?
2. Not for my own information but for our 16 year old son's information, just exactly what is a "Special Agent" of the FBI?

I believe I know why Matt Cvetic could not be classified as a Special Agent of the F.B.I. He didn't work for the F.B.I., per se, (as a policeman works for the police force) but as a means or instrument (Agent: #4 Websters) by which information about the communists was obtained.

Our 16 yr. old seems to think that Cvetic volunteered his services to the F.B.I. rather than that he was asked and voluntarily assisted the Bureau!

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I realize what a busy man you are and this is really an unimportant matter, but if I could convince this boy of ours, he would do much to help combat communism by talking to his friends and teachers.

Sincerely Yours,

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A rectangular box with a black border, used to redact the signature of the sender.

Panorama City, Calif.

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Sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

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ALL THE EVIL ONE SINGLE COMMUNIST CAN DO

By Matt Cvetic

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*(From "Impresiones," Miami, Florida, September 30, 1962, Pages 45-47)

(Our readers already know Matt Cvetic, a former member of the FBI, who was assigned to infiltrate into the Communist Party of the U. S. in order to obtain its secrets).

(Cvetic, who rendered such great service to God and to his country, has just died.)

Why worry about the communists? Why be concerned about a few peaceful fools? What damage can a communist do? There are only 25,000 communists in the United States. Do they have any chance against us?

These and many other questions have been asked many times since I stopped being a communist in the service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1950 in order to give evidence before the Congress in Washington.

Many clergymen, educators, businessmen, bankers, political leaders, diplomats and other personalities have tried to explain that Khrushchev is really not a murderer because he has repeatedly threatened to communize the United States of America and bury us. Frankly, during the nine years in which I passed for a communist, I assisted in hundreds of meetings at which plans were made for the downfall of our country; meetings during which mass murder or slavery of many North Americans were discussed whom I mentioned above. (sic)

Contrary to the beliefs of many people, the numerical strength of the Communist Party does not have relative importance with respect to its plan of world conquest. The Reds deem it important to place their agents, sympathizers and dupes into strategic positions within all social strata of the U. S. A. and also into our Government itself.

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Their numerical strength in the communist conspiracy within our nation is unknown. One can get an approximate idea from the intelligence services and information given to Congress. These sources number Soviet agents operating in the U. S. A. about 15,000, who are working under immunity; thanks to our candor when we recognized the Soviet Union diplomatically in 1933, and, much later, their satellite accomplices. While I was posing as a communist in the service of the FBI, all Russian agents known to me operated from the embassies and Red consulates, the UN organized by the Reds, through cultural exchanges, agricultural and traveling missions, scientific and pedagogic activities of the USSR and its satellites. Furthermore, hundreds of Soviet agents are working within communist front organizations, some of which are backed by North American personalities such as Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and the chemist Linus Pauling, winner of the Nobel Prize.

Concerning the number of "Quislings" in the Communist Party of the U. S. A., the number has risen to 25,000 determined conspirators. In addition, the communists have succeeded in gathering 250,000 "fronters," sympathizers, defenders and unwary individuals in our churches, educational institutions, syndicates, social, civic and beneficent circles whom they aid and back in their conspiracy to destroy our country.

Let me illustrate, in view of my experience as a communist in the service of the FBI, how dangerous a communist can be.

In 1941, the FBI asked me to join the Communist Party for the purpose of obtaining information for our Government. Subsequently I was employed by the U. S. Employment Service in Pittsburgh. My work consisted in placing men and women in Government positions and basic industries. As soon as I had made the Reds believe that I sympathized with their cause, they began to send communists to me to place them in governmental and industrial positions. Remember that then I was only a disguised communist, but not a member of the party. Of course, I informed the FBI of everything; however, think of the damage I could have actually done if I had really been a communist in the service of communism.

After I had been recruited by the party my first mission dealt with the professional sphere. My coconspirators within this sphere numbered 200 in different professions. The objective of the party was to infiltrate into the Government, the educational system, the movie industry, communications, chemical laboratories, engineering, the legal profession, and into any other sphere in which it could do damage. If the communist (I do not have to repeat it) has succeeded in this endeavor, he will use his position to advance the communist conspiracy.

From the professional branch I was assigned to the clerical commission of the Communist Party. The objective of this Red unit is the infiltration into religious organizations for the purpose of promoting the communist line in our churches.

From the clerical commission I was assigned to the financial committee and from there to the educational commission. As a member of this conspiratory group my work consisted in planning the infiltration of the universities and North American institutes and colleges. Ironically, one of the 400 Reds, whom I unmasked, declared under oath, that, in 1950, he was a professor of English at a U. S. university where one of my sons, Matt Junior, was studying. The final act of this professor before the university dismissed him in consequence of my testimony, was to reprove my son in English.

We must always remember that there are no harmless, sympathizing or deceived communists. One harmless Red is sufficient to blow up a dam, an aqueduct or a plant. One communist, whether a sympathizer or deceived individual, is sufficient to conveniently infiltrate into our universities, institutes or colleges to poison the minds of our boys. A resolute communist in a strategic position in a religious organization carries out a work of diversion, giving aid to the cause and objectives of communism. Yes, one single communist is very dangerous!

Remember that the odious Karl Marx was only one communist, but able to design that diabolic system for the enslavement of the world.

Truly, I was a "Red" too, but, thank Heaven, my loyalty belongs to God and to my country. Both I have served with my limited strength.

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THE SECRET WEAPON OF COMMUNISM

By the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation

(From "Impresiones," Miami, Florida, September 30, 1962, Page 76)

The subversion of public opinion in the U. S. A. is the secret weapon used by the communists in order to capture one billion individuals in 25 nations. The Director of the FBI, Mr. Edgar Hoover (sic), revealed for the first time, on July 20, this important aspect of the internal communist threat: "the Red intentions of influencing North American public opinion." Mr. Hoover described the situation as follows:

"The process of subverting public opinion advances with such a diabolic cleverness that even today a surprising number of victims are engaged in the active promotion of those causes which promote the designs and ideas of communism."

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On page 78 (last paragraph) we read:

"How many other countries will be captured by communism thanks to the subversion of public opinion in the United States?"

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover asked this crucial question about our own nation: "Will we succumb to this subversion of public opinion? Therein lies the measure of our danger."

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On page 12 is a picture showing "Nikita shooting pigeons with a high functionary of the U. S. "

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On page 93 appears an item in English pertaining to the FBI under the heading "Nor Could The FBI Get Through."

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